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A- bomb considered by Israel, Stern says

BONN, March 12 (AP) — A West German magazine reported Wednesday that Israel has been an atomic power since the early 1970s and considered using the weapons following Arab successes in the October 5, 1973 war.

The magazine *Stern* also said that the Jewish state was zealously preventing its potential adversaries from obtaining their own nuclear weapons and was cooperating with South Africa in nuclear research.

Stern's reports are contained in a series of articles to be published on Israel's intelligence service, Mossad, which the magazine termed "a secret service without scruples."

Stern said the series will begin Thursday, but the allegations of Israel's nuclear capability are not in the first installment. Editor Gunther Schoenfeld made the summary available to reporters.

According to the magazine, Israel began working on its nuclear weapons program in 1957.

"The project near the desert city of Dimona was, initially supported by France," *Stern* said. "After (President Charles) de Gaulle's weapons embargo of 1967, Mossad procured, by hijacking a uranium ship, the necessary basic materials for splitting the atom."

Stern said Israel came close to using the weapons in October 1973 when Egyptian and Syrian forces scored early successes in the October war.

It said then Prime Minister Golda Meir issued orders to move Israel's 13 nuclear warheads from underground storage to air bases in the Negev desert, where they could be mounted on bombers.

"For 24 hours the world stood on the brink of nuclear war," the magazine said.

Negotiations continue on Turkish aid

By Younis Isaac

JEDDAH, March 12 — Turkish Minister of Finance Ismet Sezgin said Wednesday that it was too early to say how much money the Turkish government requested from Saudi Arabia. Negotiations on the subject are under way, he said.

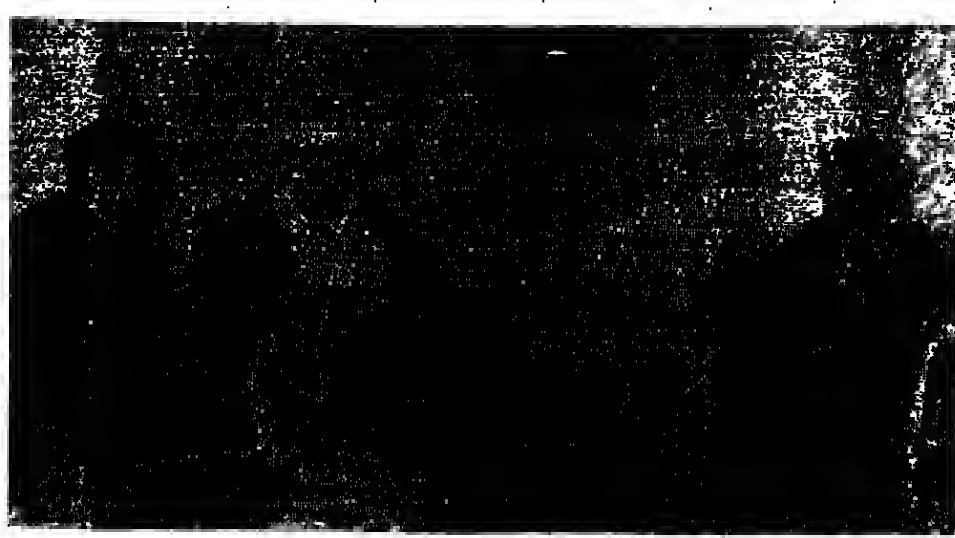
He told *Asharq Al-Awsat* — Arab News that the Saudis and Turks share a relationship of cooperation and friendship.

Sezgin met Wednesday morning with Finance Minister Sheikh Muhammad Aba al-Khalil and Tunisian Planning Minister Mustafa Al-Zanouni. Mutual financial cooperation and various financial topics were discussed.

Sezgin said that his country was keen to end its violent internal strife as soon as possible, and that in the future its economy should be more stable.

The firm measures adopted by Prime Minister Sulaiman Demirel's government are aimed at boosting the economy, but it takes time for them to bear fruit, he said. These measures appear right so far and the Turkish government is determined to see them through, especially now, he said.

The measures are designed to solve both the balance of payments deficit and inflation. They aim at improving the living standard of the Turkish citizen, he said.



CALLS ON KING : King Khaled Wednesday received visiting Algerian Minister of Energy and Petrochemical Industries Belqasem Bani. The meeting was attended by Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani.

Fahd sees ministers

RIYADH, March 12 (SPA) — Crown Prince Fahd received the education ministers of Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates. He met Sheikh Abdul Aziz bin Muhammad Al-Khalifa and Said Abdullah Salman on Wednesday.

The meeting was attended by Second Deputy Premier and Commander of the National Guard Prince Abdullah and Minister of Education Dr. Abdul Aziz Al-Khuwaiter.

Earlier in the day, the two Gulf officials conferred separately with Prince Abdullah in

presence of Dr. Khuwaiter and Sheikh Abdul Aziz Al-Tuwaijeri, the assistant deputy commander of the National Guard.

In the morning, Dr. Khuwaiter discussed with the two ministers the setting up of a Gulf meeting in Bahrain and other educational issues of common interest.

The meeting was attended by Dr. Muhammad Al-Rashid, Director general of the Arab Gulf Education Bureau, his deputy Dr. Ali Al-Tuwaijeri and Dr. Saud Al-Hijaz, deputy education minister for technical affairs.

Jerusalem Committee meets

MARRAKESH, March 12 (SPA) — Moroccan Foreign Minister Muhammad Boucif presided over the second meeting of the Jerusalem Committee here Wednesday.

The meeting of the 14-member committee, which was opened by King Hassan II of Morocco Tuesday, is slated to discuss the implementation of its previous resolutions and the drafting of plans and programs that would help in the liberation of Jerusalem. The agenda also includes a discussion on Muslim-Christian contacts in regard to the holy city as well as a study of the report prepared by the Jerusalem Fund during its third session which ended Wednesday.

The Fund's Board of Directors has recommended the allocation of a session during which the member states should announce their subscription in the increased \$100 million capital of the Fund.

Meanwhile, the board urged the member states to make liberal donations with a view to enabling the Fund to achieve the objectives for which it had been set up. It also recommended the approval of a number of projects envisaged by the Jerusalem Committee.

In a related development, Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal told Moroccan news agencies that he was optimistic the Jerusalem Committee would be successful in its deliberations. By cooperation, he said, the Islamic states can secure their own interests, including the liberation of Jerusalem and the legitimate rights of the people of Palestine.

Prince Saud voiced support for the deliberations of the meeting and urged the committee to give primary concern to the basic Islamic issue — the Palestinian problem.

Earlier Tuesday, Secretary General of the Organization of Islamic Conference, Habib, Chatti told SPA here that political contacts would include a liaison with the major powers and a continuous dialogue with the Vatican.

Chatti lauded Saudi Arabia's role in the cause of Palestine and Jerusalem. He said the Kingdom would continue to be the main pillar of support for Arab action on the Palestine issue and all other issues concerning the Arab world.

Chatti said King Khaled, Crown Prince Fahd and other Saudi officials kept alive the

spirit of King Faisal, who had worked ceaselessly to be able to pray at the Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem.

He added that the Kingdom was in the vanguard of nations supporting the struggle of the Palestinian people. The Saudi Arabians have proved this on a number of occasions including the Baghdad summit conference and the meetings of the OIC and the Arab League.

The OIC chief praised Morocco's special role in support of the issues of Palestine and Jerusalem. He said that leaving the presidency of the Jerusalem Committee in charge of King Hassan was not a matter of courtesy, but due to the Moroccan monarch's deep concern for Jerusalem.

Referring to the circumstances surrounding the committee meetings, Chatti said that, while President Giscard d'Estaing of France, announced his country's recognition of the Palestinian rights to self-determination the United States adopted a different attitude staging a turnaround from its denunciation of the Israeli settlements policy at the U.N. Security Council.

Chatti held a long meeting with the Moroccan foreign minister Tuesday to review a number of topics connected with the meetings of the Jerusalem Committee.

Jewish voters snub Carter

Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, March 12 — President Jimmy Carter apparently is having little luck in undoing the admitted political damage caused by the administration's turnaround position on the American vote in the United Nations condemning Israeli settlements on the occupied West Bank.

In meetings over the weekend Carter had little success in soothing the ruffled feathers of U.S. Jewish leaders. So Monday he sent two of his strong men — campaign chairman Robert Strauss and Middle East negotiator Sol Linowitz — to meet Jewish leaders in New York.

But informed sources who described the meeting as a "very hot and vocal one," told the *Arab News* — *Asharq Al-Awsat* that the Jewish leaders told the Carter advisors that they were withdrawing their support from Carter.

Leaders of Jewish organizations apparently are seeking a "clear and unequivocal" statement of administration policy on Israel

France endorses role for PLO peace talks

PARIS, March 12 (R) — The French government Wednesday formally endorsed participation of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) in peace talks and the Palestinian people's right to self-determination as stated by President Valery Giscard d'Estaing during his recent tour of Gulf states, Jordan and Saudi Arabia.

The government also said Israel should be able to live within recognized and guaranteed borders.

President Giscard d'Estaing reported to the weekly cabinet meeting on his Middle East tour and for the first time the French government embodied in a communique France's position of the Arab-Israeli conflict.

The communique called on all interested parties to recognize that any lasting settlement "must be based on two universal and complementary principles which are for each state the right to security and each people the right to self-determination."

The communique added: "each state in the region, in particular the state of Israel whose preoccupations in this field are legitimate, should be able to live in peace within secure, recognized and guaranteed frontiers, which implies Israeli withdrawal from Arab territories occupied since 1967."

"The Palestinian people, who also has the right to exist and organize itself as such, should be able to exercise its right to self-determination within the framework of a peaceful settlement."

"All parties should on this basis be associated with the negotiations and notably the Palestinian people, and this implies the participation of the Palestine Liberation Organization."

President Giscard d'Estaing's declarations regarding PLO participation in peace talks during his Middle East tour aroused widespread criticism in Israel. The Israeli government protested formally to the French government.

In Bonn, Chancellor Helmut Schmidt said

Kuwait boycotts Egyptian papers

KUWAIT, March 12 (R) — Kuwait has banned Egyptian magazines and newspapers because of Egypt's peace treaty with Israel, the ministry of information announced.

The ministry said copies of the magazines *Akher Sa'a*, *Al-Musawwar* and *October* had already been seized "because they break the conditions of the Arab boycott (of Israel) and contain propaganda for Israel and attacks on the Arabs."

Other Arab countries including Saudi Arabia, North Yemen and Jordan banned Egyptian publications last year as part of a campaign of economic and political sanctions against the Egyptian regime for signing the U.S.-negotiated peace treaty with Israel.

and its West Bank settlements in return for any continued backing of Carter. So far administration efforts to restore their case have not satisfied Jewish leaders, sources said.

Meanwhile Sen. Edward M. Kennedy has turned up the volume of his attacks against the Carter administration for its "appalling betrayal of Israel" in last week's U.N. vote.

Kennedy told a Washington group that the whole text of the resolution was a "stark attack on Israel in almost every line."

Carter's challenger for the Democratic nomination also went beyond the vote incident and leveled attacks on Carter's whole record on Israel.

The damage wrought by the Carter's turnaround on the settlements vote is most likely to show up in the New York primary because of the state's large number of Jewish voters. Strauss predicted Monday that Carter would still do well in the March 25 primary, but he shied away from predicting that Carter would defeat Kennedy.

Shamir's appointment irks U.S. officials

Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, March 12 — The appointment of Yitzhak Shamir as Israel's foreign minister — a man openly opposed to the Camp David peace accords — is a "slap in the face to both Americans and Egyptians", informed diplomatic sources said here Tuesday.

This reaction to Shamir's appointment came following a meeting between Egyptian Ambassador Ashraf Ghorbal and Vice-President Walter Mondale.

Sources also told the *Arab News* — *Asharq Al-Awsat* that the naming of Shamir, the right-wing speaker of Israel's parliament, to the diplomatic post showed Prime Minister Menachem Begin's confidence that the United States would not protest the appointment in an election year.

But privately the Carter administration is worried about the line-up of the Begin government, sources reported.

Four of the 13 ministers Begin's government are now on record as opposing the Camp David peace treaty.

State Department officials refused to comment on Shamir's appointment other than to say that they "looked forward to working with him."

Sultan declares

Plan set for arms making

RIYADH, March 12 (SPA) — Kharj military plants will produce weapons and ammunition for the armed forces, Minister of Defense and Aviation Prince Sultan said Wednesday.

The minister who inspected the plants after honoring graduates of the plants' training institute, said that such projects were called for in the third five-year development plan.

He said that in the future heavy military industries will be introduced in the Gulf. Studies were underway for a project to house the personnel of the Kharj plants and that implementation will start during the forthcoming five-year plan, he said.

Prince Sultan also said that the issue of setting up a new military industrialization organization to substitute the Arab Organization for Industrialization that disintegrated after the Camp David accords will be examined soon.

He said that the issue will be considered "after we have cleared relations with the firms that dealt with the four member states of the previous organization, so that the new body may have a better standard and be better organized."

"We hold such companies responsible for abstaining from responding to the three member states — Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and Qatar (excluding Egypt) by continuing to deal with Egypt which thought it could claim certain rights after the three other members dissolved the body in view of Egypt's non-Arab attitude."

The AOI was formed in 1975 by the governments of Saudi Arabia, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates and Egypt as a means of building an Arab arms industry. The states wanted to reduce Arab dependence on foreign suppliers.

Prince Sultan said that despite the very good relations between Saudi Arabia and France, military and economic cooperation were not discussed during President Valery Giscard d'Estaing's recent visit to the Kingdom. French firms were involved in the AOI consortium.

IDB ends meeting

JEDDAH, March 12 (SPA) — The Board of Governors of the Islamic Development Bank wound up its fourth annual session here Wednesday after discussing means of raising the bank's capital.

IDB President Dr. Ahmad Muhammad Ali said that the bank will start accepting deposits by member states and Islamic institutions.

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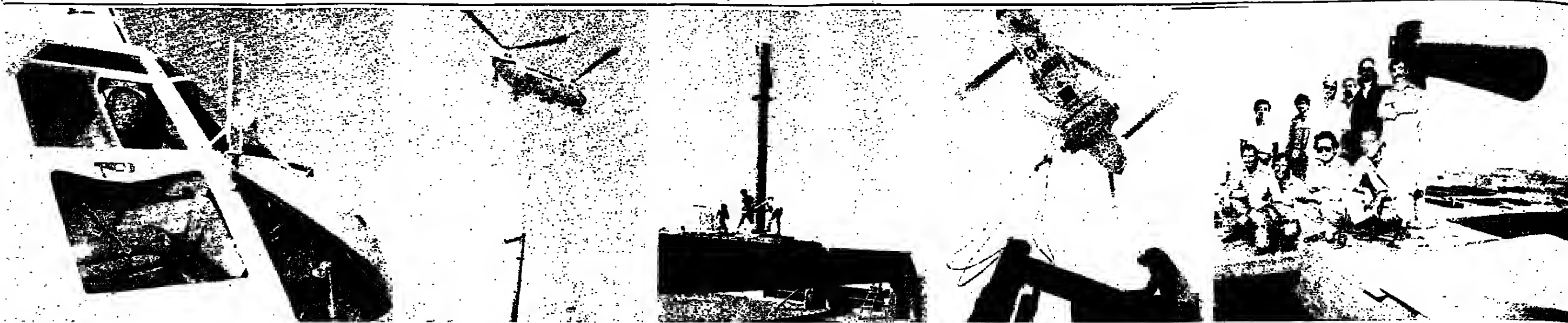
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By agriculture ministers

Grain project endorsed

RIYADH, March 12 (SPA) — Gulf Ministers of Agriculture meeting in Muscat Wednesday decided to initiate contacts with the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) to prepare the necessary studies for the improved grain project in Saudi Arabia, it was learned here Wednesday.

The same project would be carried out simultaneously in the Kingdom, Oman, Iraq, and North Yemen.

The Saudi delegation to the three-day conference was led by Minister of Agriculture and Water Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh.

The conference also decided that member states, including Saudi Arabia, should prepare feasibility studies for major meat and egg production. The purpose of the agricultural studies would be to achieve food security for the peoples of those countries. The studies should be carried out in cooperation with the Arab Agricultural Development Organization.

The conference recommended completion of the requirements of the veterinary vaccination laboratory at Abu Gharib in Iraq and the central diagnosis and immunity test laboratory in Kuwait to help preserve and develop animal wealth. It also called for intensive campaigns and the equipping of special teams to combat cattle plague and improve cattle.

It decided that the conference's secretariat should, in cooperation with North Yemen, get in touch with the International Agricultural Development Fund to study the economic feasibility of Wadi Rima's project for the production of fodder, vegetables and meat.

It also recommended that the Arab Economic and Social Development Fund in Kuwait should be entrusted with the economic feasibility study of a project to produce grain, feeds and vegetables at Dalma, in Iraq and with preparing the necessary specifications.

SR3 million donated to Afghan fighters fund

RIYADH, March 12 (SPA) — A Saudi lady who refused to disclose her name Wednesday gave SR3 million to Afghan freedom fighters.

Prince Salman bin Abdul Aziz, the governor of Riyadh and chairman of the Higher

Committee for Donations to Afghan Freedom Fighters thanked the anonymous donor for her generosity which reflected "the spirit of this faith-abiding country."

He seized this opportunity to urge other Muslims to help their brothers in Afghanistan.

New South Korean ambassador named

SEOUL, March 12 (R) — Former South Korean Energy and Resources Minister Chang Yoo-Joon has been named the country's ambassador to Saudi Arabia succeeding Yoo Yang-Soo, who became transport minister in December, a government spokesman

said Wednesday.

Chang, 55, energy-resources minister between January 1978 and December 1979, had previously served as construction minister and commerce-industry minister.

By Saudi-Bangladesh Commission

Economic pacts reviewed

JEDDAH, March 12 (SPA) — The Saudi-Bangladesh Joint Commission held its first session here Wednesday, co-chaired by Minister of Finance and National Economy Sheikh Muhammad Abu Al-Khail and his Bangladeshi counterpart Dr. Mirza Noorul Huda.

The commission made a general review of the avenues of economic, technical and trade cooperation between the two countries, as well as the participation of the Saudi Fund for Development (SFD) in some of the development projects in Bangladesh.

The co-chairmen expressed their satisfaction with the level of cooperation now existing between the two countries.

The meeting was attended by Hamad Al-Sughair, deputy chairman and executive member of SFD; Said bin Said, assistant undersecretary for economic affairs at the Ministry of Finance, as well as M. Muhib,



Sheikh Muhammad Abu Al-Khail, finance undersecretary and a member of delegation accompanying the Bangladeshi finance minister.

WEATHER

Temperatures will drop slightly in the northern and parts of the central regions. Low and medium cloud will hang over the eastern and central, regions and the western highlands.

Winds will be southerly and moderate. They may change into northerly, occasionally active, causing sand haze in the central and eastern regions.

Seas will be moderate. Wednesday's temperatures (maximum, minimum in centigrade)

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Jeddah	31	20
Riyadh	33	19
Dhahran	29	19
Medina	30	18
Taif	26	14
Jizan	32	25
Hail	24	09
Turaif	16	07
Qaisumah	28	15
Sulayyil	36	16
Abha	22	10

Egypt loses membership in Islamic conference

MECCA, March 12 (SPA) — Egypt's membership at the Conference of Ministers of Endowments and Islamic Affairs has been suspended "until the Egyptian regime returns to the Islamic fold, stops dealing with the Zionist enemy and gives up the Camp David accords."

The decision was reached here Wednesday at the end of a five-day meeting of the Ministers of Endowments and Islamic Affairs.

The ministers also condemned the Soviet Communist invasion of Afghanistan. They endorsed the resolutions of the emergency meeting of Islamic foreign ministers in Islamabad.

They urged Islamic countries to implement the Islamabad decisions and back the Afghan freedom fighters.

The ministers also called on Arab and Islamic countries to strive to stop the Marxist trend hostile to Islam in their areas.

The conference considered embracing Communism as a heresy and an attempt to destroy human and moral values as well as an open defiance to Islam.

The conference also urged Islamic peoples and governments to support the struggle of the Arab people of Somalia and Islamic

forces in the Horn of Africa for self-determination. It said these people deserve every assistance to counter the continuing Soviet invasion in Africa.

It also advocated support for Somali and Eritrean refugees and condemned the Ethiopian aggression backed by the Soviet Union and Cuba against the Somali people. It called for the immediate withdrawal of Soviet and Cuban forces from Western Somalia and the Horn.

The conference said that Arabic should be adopted as the official and basic language in all Islamic countries. It also decided that the year 1400H shall be the year of publication of the Holy Koran throughout the Islamic world. By the end of this year, more than 10 million copies of the Holy Koran should have been distributed all over the Muslim world.

It decided to hold the forthcoming session in Jordan during the same period next year.

The conference also sent cables of thanks to King Khaled and to Crown Prince Fahd for hosting the conference and to consider the King's message to the conference as a charter for the valuable guidance and careful planning for Islamic action it provides.

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Sheikh Ahmad Hamad Algosaibi then delivered the main address, congratulating the staff who had assisted in these achievements, and saying how pleased he was to present these long service certificates in acknowledgment of their hard work. He went on to say "I am very proud to have you as employees of our Group of Companies, as all of you strictly adhere to the principles of our Holy Prophet. When given a task, you endeavour to carry it out to perfection.



I am holding the recognition of your efforts in my hand and my love and respect for you in my heart. All of you are soldiers in the service of our beloved country, His Majesty the King, and His Royal Highness the Crown Prince." Sheikh Ahmad closed by wishing them luck and a prosperous future.

A representative of the employees stepped forward to reply saying that it was a great pleasure indeed to



share in the celebration to honour those who have given most of their working life in the loyal service of one of the most distinguished and reputable Companies in the Kingdom.

Afterwards, sheikh Ahmad Hamad Algosaibi presented the long service awards and gifts to senior employees, in the presence of his two brothers, Sheikh Abdul Aziz and Sheikh Suleiman, and several leading businessmen of the Eastern Province, together with a group of Company employees, attending the ceremony.

The guests then relaxed at a buffet meal and refreshments which had been specially laid on for the occasion.

Before the party ended, every employee promised to continue their efforts to enable their country to establish its rightful place in the international world, under the benevolent and wise leadership of the Government headed by His Majesty King Khalid Bin Abdul Aziz and His Royal Highness Crown Prince Fahd Bin Abdul Aziz.

Al-Khobar

250,000 working lines

Telephone service expanded

Special to Arab News

RIYADH, March 12 — Saudi Telephone is operating a total of close to 250,000 working telephone lines, according to statistics just released for the month of Safar. That's virtually double the total of two years ago when the telephone expansion program commenced.

The monthly rate for installation of working lines is approaching 10,000 — the total for new services installed in Safar was 9305. Saudi Telephone's program to engineer and place service wires from network to subscriber's villa walls continues with speed. During Safar, 15,000 of these service wires were placed. Locations were thus prepared for instant conversion to working lines.

A total of 202,082 buried service wires have been placed since the program began. During Safar, 36 coin telephones were installed. Faster rates of placing the units should bring the total to over 1,000 by the

end of Rabi Thani. An additional phone center (cabinet), was opened during the month in Badayah, Qasim, bringing the total operating to 71.

Performance of repair forces remained steady during the month — 14.6 troubles per 100 working lines were reported and 76 per cent of the total was cleared within 24 hours; 99 per cent was cleared within seven days.

Performance of exchanges and trunk lines was smooth and efficient. About 99 per cent of all calls to the network received "dial tone" within three seconds. In addition, 96 per cent of all calls were placed successfully by Saudi Telephone's facilities.

At the same time the various trunk operator services are responding to growth in usage of the telephone system. In Riyadh, 70 per cent of all calls to "92" were answered in less than 10 seconds.

The daily average number of international calls placed was about 19,000, with 7000 placed using international subscriber dialing (ISD). ISD is available to all subscribers with international calling bills of SR500 or over, and to those with business telephone.

A new ISD center in Riyadh offers service by telephone order. The center is opened six days per week from 07:00 to 19:00. A similar center operates in Dammam; the numbers in call are: Riyadh — 464-5289; and Dammam — 833-9440.

Saudi Telephone's training staff is continually conducting courses in its Riyadh and Jeddah centers, and other districts such as Taif, Hail and Dammam. During Safar, 20,947 student hours of training were carried out, for a total of 230,005 since they began, in approximately 60 management and 470 technical courses.

Ministers visit Prophet's Mosque

MEDINA, March 12 (SPA) — Heads and members of delegates of second conference of ministers of Endowments and Islamic Affairs arrived here on Wednesday for a short visit to the Prophet's Mosque. They were received at the airport by Mr. Habib Mahamud, president of Endowments Committee in Medina, and other high ranking officials. He will also give them a luncheon in their honor at Medina Sheraton.

During the Second Ministers of Endowments and Islamic Affairs conference which opened in Mecca Saturday, it was decided to preserve King Khalid's opening statement as one of the documents of the conference. Sheikh Abdul Wahab Abdul Wasie, minister of pilgrimage and endowments presented the statement on behalf of the King.



GIVING LECTURE: Maj. Gen. Yahya Al Alami giving a lecture at the Command of the Patrol and Squad Forces.

Skills training stressed

Civil Service to end study

RIYADH, March 12 (SPA) — President of Civil Service Bureau, Sheikh Turki Khaled Al-Sudairi said that a complete government study of work classification is in its final stage and strong steps will be taken to train nationals to strengthen their skills.

In a press meeting in Riyadh University on Tuesday evening he denied that this will bring about a salary raise. He further pointed out the issue of pay — raises should not be connected to the study, which is the primary aim of his bureau. Al-Sudairi stressed the necessity of achieving a strong and highly skilled employee and promised to provide the perfect one, which the higher committee long sought.

The Western region's Civil Service Bureau began selecting university graduates from last semester toward the end of February, in order to give them government jobs, Director General Sheikh Abdul Hamid Harir has said. The selections were conducted in accordance with the instructions of the bureau's president. Hariri said that during the last half of 1979, the bureau selected 4,400 graduates from universities, institutes, and intermediate colleges in the Western province.

More than 2,700 government employees have contested for the improvement of their positions. The last semester's 128 graduates will be hired by government departments here, he added.

Bahrain ministers hold talks

RIYADH, March 12 (SPA) — Algerian Energy and Petrochemicals Minister Belkacem Nahi arrived in Riyadh Wednesday in a short visit to Saudi Arabia.

His discussions with Oil Minister Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani, would cover energy matters and other issues of mutual interest.

Both Algeria and Saudi Arabia are members of the 13-nation Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), which

is scheduled to hold its bi-annual ministerial conference in Algiers next June.

In Jeddah, Acting Governor of Mecca Prince Saud bin Abdul Mohsen received Sheikh Abdullah bin Khaled Al-Khalifa, the Bahraini minister of justice and Islamic affairs.

Their talks dealt with the results of the conference of Islamic Ministers of Endowments and Islamic Affairs.

Complaint guidelines urged

RIYADH, March 12 (SPA) — Minister of Housing and Public Works Prince Miteb, who is also the acting minister of municipal, Wednesday urged all companies making business with either ministry to convey to him their grievances directly.

He said that the companies should do so

either by telegram or by ordinary mail in case any dealings are delayed.

He cautioned, however, that the complaining companies will have to substantiate their claims and present complete cases, or face the consequences.

Attends graduation

Sultan visits military facility

AL-KHARJ, March 12 (SPA) — Minister of Defense and Aviation Prince Sultan Wednesday attended the graduation ceremony of the sixth class of students from the military plants here.

Prince Sultan was met on arrival early in the morning by Director General of the Military Plants Gen. Ibrahim Muhammad Al-Farisi.

He then toured the various parts of the institute, including the class rooms and the English lab.

After recitation from the Holy Koran and speeches by Maj. Muhammad Aed Al-

Harethi who is in charge of education and culture and representative of the students, the results announced and the prince distributed the awards to students who earned honors.

Prince Sultan then inspected the projects under implementation at the plants as well as the armed forces hospital.

He wrote his appreciation in the guest book of the high standard of services at the armed forces hospital. He wished all those being treated there a speedy recovery.

He also visited the light arms and ammunition plants, the warehouses and the central maintenance section.

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PLO confident tide turning against Israel

BEIRUT, March 12 (R) — Leaders of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), buoyed by fresh diplomatic successes, feel confident that time is on their side in the long struggle for an independent Palestinian state.

Officials around PLO chief Yasser Arafat share the conviction that a combination of economic, political, and demographic forces is fast turning the tide against Israel.

Policy-makers in the PLO saw West European calls for Palestinian self-determination merely as another step in an inevitable process leading to the decline of Israel and the rise of the PLO.

West Germany, Britain, Ireland and Belgium joined France this month in saying that any solution to the Middle East conflict must include the Palestinian right to self-determination. Reports from Brussels said that the nine members of the European Community were considering recognition of the PLO.

"It shows that time works for us and against Israel," said a senior PLO official. "Who talked of the Palestinians 15 years ago? Who wanted to know?"

French President Giscard d'Estaing capped a Middle East tour this month by calling for peace talks that would involve all parties, including the PLO. Washington has a formal policy of refusing to speak to the PLO.

Officially established in 1964, the PLO was named the sole legal representative of

the Palestinian people at an Arab summit meeting 10 years later. More than 100 countries have extended formal recognition to the PLO, an umbrella organization for eight commando groups.

Israel considers the PLO a "syndicate of murderers" and has vowed never to negotiate with it.

Occasional American hints that the U.S. might be prepared to begin talks with the PLO if it agreed to major policy changes have prompted angry responses from Israel.

After years of taking their cues from the United States, the Western Europeans now appear to have started steering a Middle East policy away from the United States.

PLO officials ascribe the gradual shift in the European position to political and economic pressures which work in favor of the Palestinians. "Menahem Begin has, of course, also helped our cause," said a PLO leader.

In the eyes of many Palestinians, the Israeli prime minister's uncompromising stand on the building of new Jewish settlements in the West Bank contributed to a swing of Western public opinion away from Israel.

But PLO officials hold that economic considerations are even more important than mounting political pressure on Israel, as reflected by United Nations Security Council resolutions condemning Israeli policy.

In Syrian cities

Assad blames CIA for unrest

HAMA, Syria, March 12 (R) — The agricultural city of Hama in central Syria observed a near-total strike for the fourth day running Tuesday in protest against the use of troops in crushing anti-government riots last week.

Residents said the government of President Hafez Assad had ordered crack units into Hama on Friday after shops were set ablaze and windows of public buildings smashed in demonstrations against the Syrian leadership.

Almost all shops and commercial establishments in the usually bustling city were closed Tuesday.

The Hama violence last week came against the background of reports of unrest in northern and central Syria this month.

The government has remained silent on the reports, but in what appeared to be an oblique reference to anti-government activity, President Assad said in a speech to trade

unionists in Damascus Tuesday that "...What we now encounter is planned by the CIA." Assad has made four speeches in as many days to underline the Syrian leadership's concern.

Earlier this week the government announced plans to cut half a million peasants under arms to "liquidate gangs of reactionaries."

Travelers from Aleppo reported that life was returning to normal there after a series of clashes between security forces and anti-government dissidents earlier this month.

Addressing the congress of the craftsmen's union in Damascus Tuesday, Assad for the first time singled out the CIA for its alleged role in fomenting trouble in Syria.

Previous government statements have accused the United States, Egypt and Israel of stirring internal unrest in Syria to weaken its position as the major power in the Arab confrontation with Israel.

PLO supports Lebanese plan for national reconciliation

BEIRUT, March 12 (R) — The Palestine commando movement has described Lebanese government proposals for a national accord as a positive step and said it was ready to help in achieving successful results.

The Palestine news agency Wafa said the movement's executive committee met Tuesday night under the chairmanship of commando chief Yasser Arafat to discuss local and international questions.

"The committee touched on the latest Palestinian, Arab and international situation and adopted several administrative financial and organizational resolutions," it added.

"It discussed the (national) accord principles approved by the Lebanese cabinet and considered this 'as a positive step toward Lebanese reconciliation which is supported

by the Palestine commando movement," Wafa said.

Moreover, the committee is ready to provide all facilities likely to ensure the success of Lebanese accord.

The cabinet last week approved a 14-point declaration outlining the basis for national accord following consultations with the country's leaders held by President Elias Sarkis and Premier Salim Hoss to put an end to violence in the country.

The declaration, among other things, asserted the need for imposing state authority on all parts of the country.

It backed the Palestinian struggle for a homeland, but rejected the permanent settlement of Palestinians on Lebanese soil. It also emphasized the Arab character of Lebanon and its commitment to opposing Israel.



N.Y. mayor alleges anti-Israel 'gang of five'

NEW YORK, March 12 (Agencies) — Mayor Edward Koch stirred up a hornet's nest Tuesday by accusing key foreign policy advisors to President Carter of forming a "gang of five" against Israel.

Spokesman for the five men, Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, Assistant Secretary of State Harold Saunders, U.N. Ambassador Donald McHenry, National Security Adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski and former U.N. ambassador Andrew Young, hotly denied the charge and demanded Koch substantiate his accusations.

The mayor, one of Carter's leading Jewish-American supporters, claimed at a news conference that the State Department, under Vance, was working against Israel.

He warned Carter that unless he overruled the State Department his re-election hopes next November would be seriously impaired.

The uproar is part of the continuing controversy over the U.S. vote in the United Nations against Israeli settlements in occupied Arab territory, a vote Carter has now disavowed.

Koch said the U.S. vote for the U.N. resolution had resulted in "the Jewish community becoming very distressed and very upset."

This would make a difference in voting here later in the month, Koch said.

"I believe the primary is in danger, but I think he will still win," Koch said. "The greater danger is a loss in the general election in November."

There's no question that if the president wants to repair the damage he has opened in the Jewish community, he has to answer their questions," about the U.N. vote, Koch said.

"My advice if he asked me, would be to sit down at a public forum in Washington and take on the questions the Jewish community has," he added.

Vance called Koch's statements "plain, simple hogwash." He added that he was saddened and disappointed because the mayor knew it was not true.

McHenry said in a statement: "The allegations are obviously based on a lack of information or a misunderstanding of it. They are made without facts or substance to support them and there are no facts which would support them."

State Department spokesman Hodding Carter said Mayor Koch had the obligation to be specific in making such a charge. "It of course is absolutely denied," he said.

Koch accused the State Department of long being pro-Arab and anti-Israel, saying that in the past presidents have overruled the State Department. He added, "That is not happening now. The State Department, under Cyrus Vance, is running the roost."

Pakistan denies coup bid against Zia

ISLAMABAD, March 12 (Agencies) — Pakistan's military government Tuesday denied reports of an attempted coup against Gen. Muhammad Zia ul-Haq.

"If a thing like that had happened I would be the first to know but there has not been a coup attempt or anything like it," government spokesman Maj. Gen. Mujibur Rahman Khan said.

Gen. Zia, who seized power in a coup in mid-1977, returned to Islamabad Tuesday from a two-day visit to Lahore, capital of Punjab province.

The report had alleged that Lt. Gen. Iqbal Khan, deputy chief of the army staff, had been arrested. This was denied by government officials.

An announcement by the inter-services public relations said Iqbal will leave Wednesday for a one-day trip to Abbottabad, 70 miles northwest of here, to visit some army units.

The report also had named a retired infantry officer, Maj. Gen. Tajamul Hussain, as leader of the alleged coup and said his family filed a petition in the high court at Lahore, 180 miles southeast of here, three days ago saying he had been kidnapped.

In London, an Urdu-language newspaper that supported the executed Zulfikar Ali Bhutto claimed Tuesday senior army officers staged an unsuccessful effort to overthrow Zia. A spokesman at the Pakistan embassy in London denied the report.

The Pakistan embassy in Washington called the report a "fabrication" and said there had been no coup attempt and no arrests of officers.

Shamir wants dependence on U.S. lessened

BONN, March 12 (R) — Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir wants to reduce his country's dependence on the United States, the West German newspaper *Die Welt* said Tuesday.

The paper asked Shamir how Israel would react to U.N. calls for Israeli settlements on Arab land to be dismantled.

The minister was reported to have replied: "I want to lessen Israel's dependence on the United States because this state of affairs is unfavorable to both sides."

"The West is certain that it has us in its pocket. The Arabs can maneuver, only we have no choice. That is our great problem and that is why we are experiencing this disparagement," he claimed.

Shamir said the West believed it had to win the hearts of the Arabs. But that nothing was needed to win the Israeli's hearts.

Shamir was quoted as saying that Prime Minister Menachem Begin had proposed autonomy for the Palestinians "so that the Arabs can come to terms more easily with the thought that we will never leave these areas."

Bulgaria president, Qaddafi hold talks

BEIRUT, March 12 (R) — Bulgarian President Todor Zhivkov arrived in Tripoli Tuesday from Sofia at the head of an official delegation and had talks with Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi, the Libyan news agency JANA reported.

It quoted President Zhivkov as saying that the talks would cover cultural relations, as well as international issues and the joint efforts to combat imperialism, racism and reaction.

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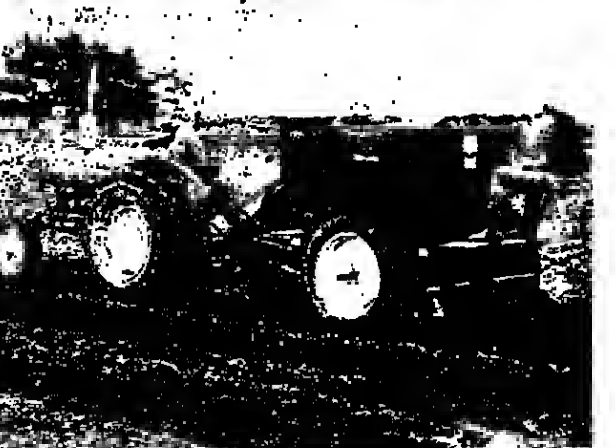
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Liverpool keeps lead

LONDON, March 12 (R) — English league champions Liverpool stretched their lead at the top of the first division to four points with a 2-0 home win over Manchester City.

City, without a win at Anfield for 25 years, never looked like ending the sequence and were lucky to escape a heavier defeat on Tuesday.

An own goal by Liverpool-born Tommy Caton gave the champions a 57th minute lead and Scottish International Graeme Souness clinched victory with a goal seven minutes from the end.

League cup finalists Nottingham Forest gained a flattering boost for Saturday's Wembley final against Wolverhampton with four second half goals in 13 minutes after Tottenham defender Paul Miller was sent off.

Forest, who had lost its last two games against East Germany's Berlin in the Euro-

pean Cup and Bolton in the league, were struggling to find their touch until Miller was sent off for the second time this season for punching Garry Birtles in the 36th minute.

Depleted Tottenham held out until the floodgates opened, Internationals Trevor Francis and Kenny Borne each scoring twice. Ipswich maintained their fine run in the First Division with a 1-1 draw at Middlesbrough, but they must have been looking for two points after Paul Mariner had given them an early lead.

Arsenal, another of the division, front runners, were held to a goalless draw by Bristol City.

Division Two leaders Chelsea was humbled 5-1 by Birmingham, and London neighbors West Ham also had an unhappy evening. Their promotion hopes took a knock when they were beaten 2-1 at home by Notts County.

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Philadelphia defeats Atlanta in overtime

ATLANTA, Georgia, March 12 (AP) — Doug Collins did exactly what he was supposed to do — he missed a free throw.

Collins' miss, with two seconds to play at Atlanta Tuesday night, gave Philadelphia teammate Julius Erving a chance to grab the rebound and sink the tying basket as the buzzer sounded ending regulation play, and the 76ers went on to beat the Hawks in overtime 102-97.

Collins almost became the goat when he missed the first of two foul shots with two seconds to play and the Sixers trailing 88-86, but made up for it when he missed the second try.

Had he made that shot, Philadelphia would still have trailed by one point. But by missing,

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Local women hold tennis tourney

JEDDAH, March 12 — The Jeddah Open Ladies Doubles Tennis Tournament took place last week-end Feb. 28-29 at Armaska Compound. The event was staged to encourage more competition between women's tennis players in Jeddah and was organized by Christine Lamb of Armaska.

Fourteen couples entered the tournament, and all the first rounds were played on Thursday 28th. The next day Friday meant a busy day for the eventual finalists with three matches to be played on the same day. There was some exciting tennis and two very close semi-finals. The eventual finalists were Mrs. Lamb (Armaska) & Mrs. Evans (Raytheon) versus Mrs. Sundin & Mrs. Bowde (Dunes Club). A very exciting three set final was watched by many spectators, the eventual winners being Mrs. Lamb & Mrs. Evans, 6-2,

6-7, 6-2.

For Christine Lamb it was a triple success as she also was the winner of the ladies singles and mixed doubles (with Jim Hagan of Raytheon) in the Raytheon sponsored tennis tournament last November.

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The event was enjoyed by all the competitors and spectators and it is hoped to have another ladies doubles event at Raytheon next month, and hopefully a mixed doubles tournament during May or June, again at Armaska.



HEAD SHOT: David Cross (left) of West Ham goes up with Jimmy Rimmer, the Aston Villa goalkeeper at Upton Park.

Smith upsets McNamee
Sadri defeats Pfister in Rotterdam match

ROTTERDAM, Netherlands, March 12 (AP) — John Sadri defeated fellow American Hank Pfister 6-4, 6-4 on the second day of a tennis tournament here Tuesday.

Sadri, 23, had to fight all the way, trailing 0-4 in the second set before finally holding his own serve and sweeping Pfister from the court in a flurry of perfectly timed groundstrokes.

The second-seeded Sadri, was one of five seeds in action Tuesday. The third seed, Stan Smith of the United States, was upset by Australia's Fred McNamee 6-2, 6-2, while Adriana Panatta of Italy was extended to three sets before beating unseeded Butch Walts of the United States 1-6, 7-6, 6-4.

Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia and Vijay Amritraj of India, seeded fourth and seventh respectively, both recorded 6-4, 6-3 victories. Lendl beat Bernard Fritz of France and Amritraj took Italian Gianni Odleppo.

Top-seeded Gene Mayer, rated eighth in the world, plays his first match Wednesday against Peter MacNamara of Australia.

The tournament, which offers \$175,000 in prize money, will end Sunday.

In Boston, one day after she had to battle to qualify as a competitor, unseeded Joanne Russell used a booming serve and aggressive net play Monday to upset second-seed Yvonne Goolagong Cawley 4-6, 7-5, 6-2, in

Hunt faces Zaman for squash duel

LONDON, March 12 (R) — Geoff Hunt of Australia and Qamar Zaman of Pakistan, respectively one and two in world squash, contest their third successive British Open championship final here Thursday.

World Champion Hunt has beaten Zaman in the two previous encounters and so current form must be favourite for a repeat success.

Although Zaman won all three warm-up tournaments and has trained long and hard to topple Hunt, the Australian gave a timely reminder of his pedigree in the semifinals last night.

World number three Monibullah Khan of Pakistan met Hunt in a mean mood and was made to look almost a novice as the Australian won 9-1.

Hunt admitted he had not played in his full capacity earlier in the event but added, "I think I have got it together now and I am ready to beat Zaman again."

Should Hunt take his fifth consecutive title — he also won in 1969 and 1974 — he will match the record of seven titles won by Zaman's compatriot Hashim Khan.

Zaman, the winner in 1975, reached the final Tuesday night by defeating compatriot Oqasood Ahmed 4-9, 9-1, 9-4, 9-1.

first round of a \$125,000 women's professional tennis tournament here.

Miss Russell, 24, who won \$900 on the tour last season and was unlisted as a money winner this year, scored an opening-game break in the final set and allowed the 28-year-old Australian to hold service in only the third and seventh games.

Russell's blistering forehands to the far corners sent Cawley fruitlessly chasing the ball along the baseline. Russell overcame a 0-40 score in the final game of the third set to cement the victory.

In earlier matches, Kim Sands defeated Renee Richards 6-4, 1-6, 6-4, Laura DuPont

downed Bettyann Stuart 6-2, 6-7, 6-3, Stacy Margolin beat Kay McDaniel 6-3, 6-2, and Rosemary Casals defeated Anne Hobbs 7-5, 6-2.

In West Germany, Shlomo Glickstein of Israel outlasted local favorite Karl Meiler 6-1, 2-6, 7-6 Tuesday and moved into the second round of the \$50,000 German International Indoor Tennis championships played at Boehlingen near Stuttgart.

Britain's Mark Coe brushed aside Swiss hopeful Markus Guenthardt 6-4, 6-2 in straight sets to be among 16 players gaining the second round.

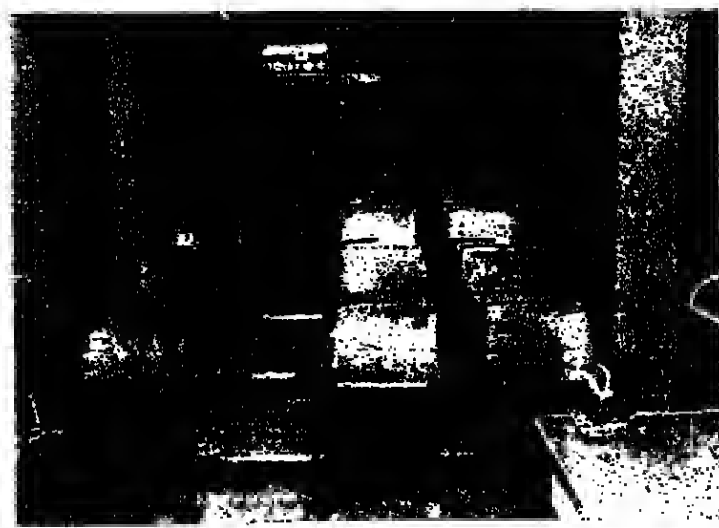
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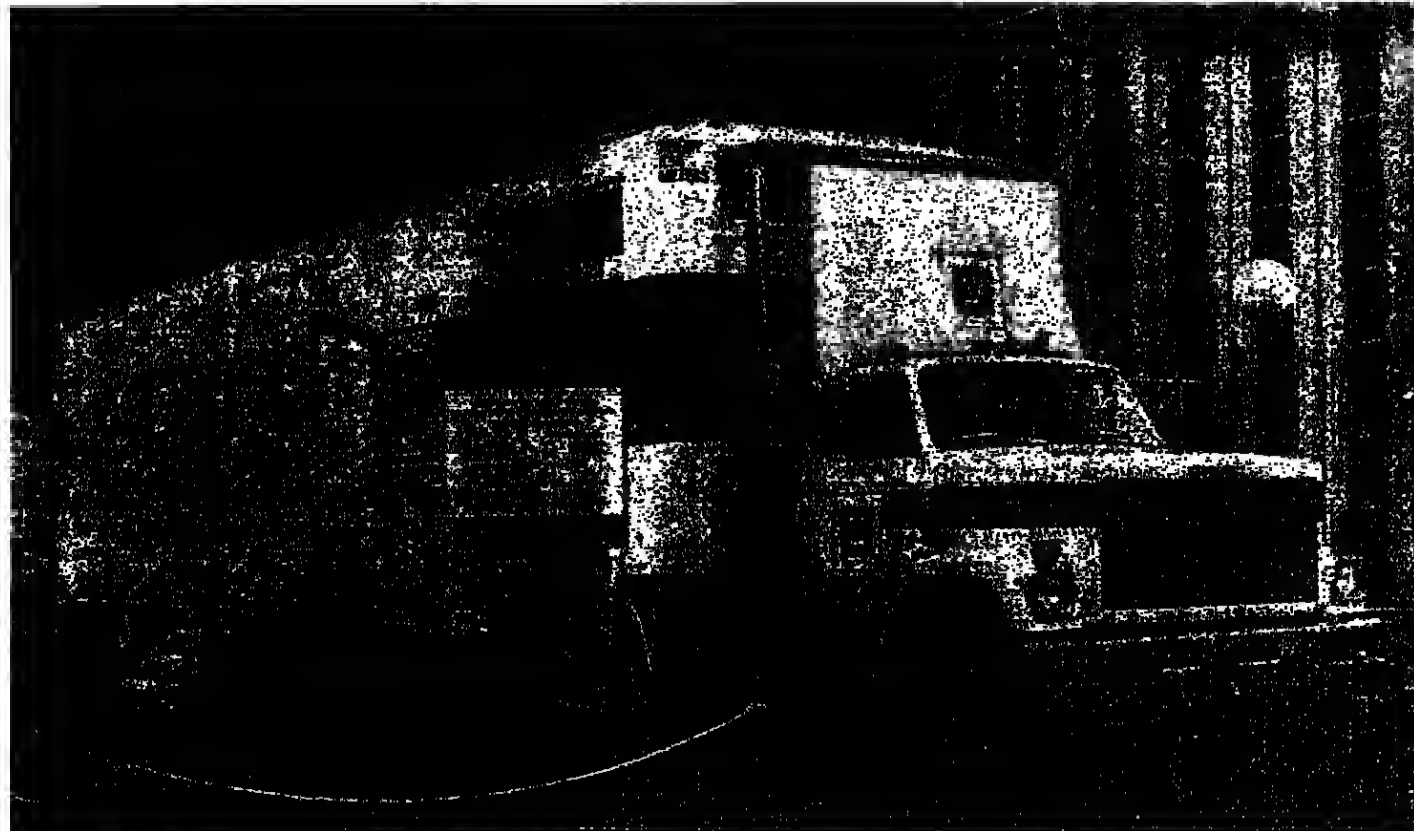
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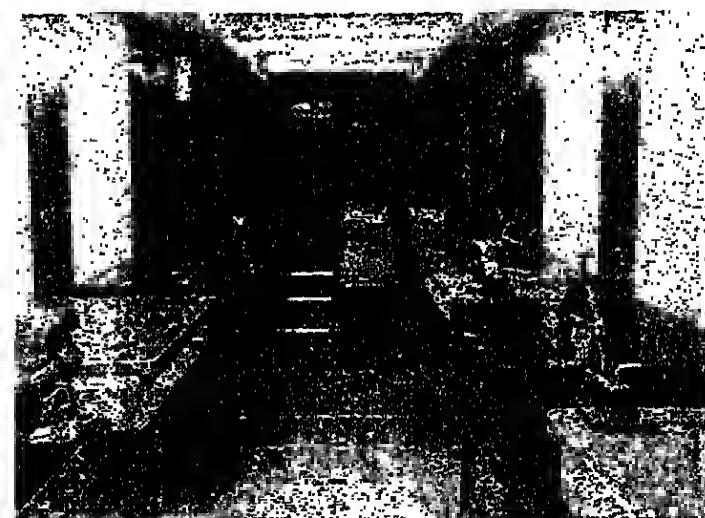
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A MATTER OF TACTICS

Changes in the Israeli leadership are more a matter of tactics than strategy. The strategy is fixed. It is of remorseless expansionism and aggressiveness. It is the tactics which change; between an outright contempt for the international community and international law, and a more subtle approach in which aggressive acts are concealed beneath words of diplomacy and moderation.

This goes not merely for the alternation of Labor and Likud in government, but within each of these. Thus the recent promotion of Itzhak Shamir to the post of foreign minister denotes no real change of plans on Begin's part, only that he thought the promotion of his old comrade-in-terror, a good answer to the recent American vote in the United Nations (and this despite President Carter's attempt to cover up for that "error") and to President Giscard d'Estaing's Middle East visit, with the significant shift indicated in the French, and also the European, stand on the question of peace in the Middle East.

Shamir's promotion then is a case of the same old rancid wine in the same old bottle. The fact is that Begin considered Shamir for the foreign ministry immediately after Dayan had resigned, and was stopped only by his colleagues considering the candidate too closely associated with outright expansionism to be of any use as a foreign minister. Now those same colleagues appear to feel that the time is ripe for even harsher stands against the United Nations and the international community generally.

The appointment is expected to have grave effects on the ongoing talks with Egypt over the issue of Palestinian autonomy, for which President Sadat of Egypt has declared the 26th of May deadline as binding. If the Egyptian side has suffered up to now from Israeli evasion and dilatoriness, so that months of talk appear to have led precisely nowhere, they are certain to find a Shamir inspired or led side even harder to deal with.

The other effect of the appointment will be reflected in Israel's relations with the United States. President Carter's apologies, groveling though they were, appear not to have sufficed the Israelis. Carter will be sure to feel the Israeli pressure against his reelection redoubled. His little "mistake" in endorsing international law will be paid for dearly.

HOWLING BLIZZARD

The cold breeze coming from Tehran over the question of the hostages, now five months in captivity, is rapidly becoming a howling blizzard. The militant students appear to have had their way once more. The international commission left for Zurich, having failed to meet the hostages.

Muhammad Bajjawi, the commission's spokesman, not unexpectedly, declared that the outcome could not be described as a failure. United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim said much the same thing. But it is quite clear that nothing was accomplished, and that even the visit to the hostages, something which was declared to be on the commission's agenda on the eve of its departure to Tehran, did not take place.

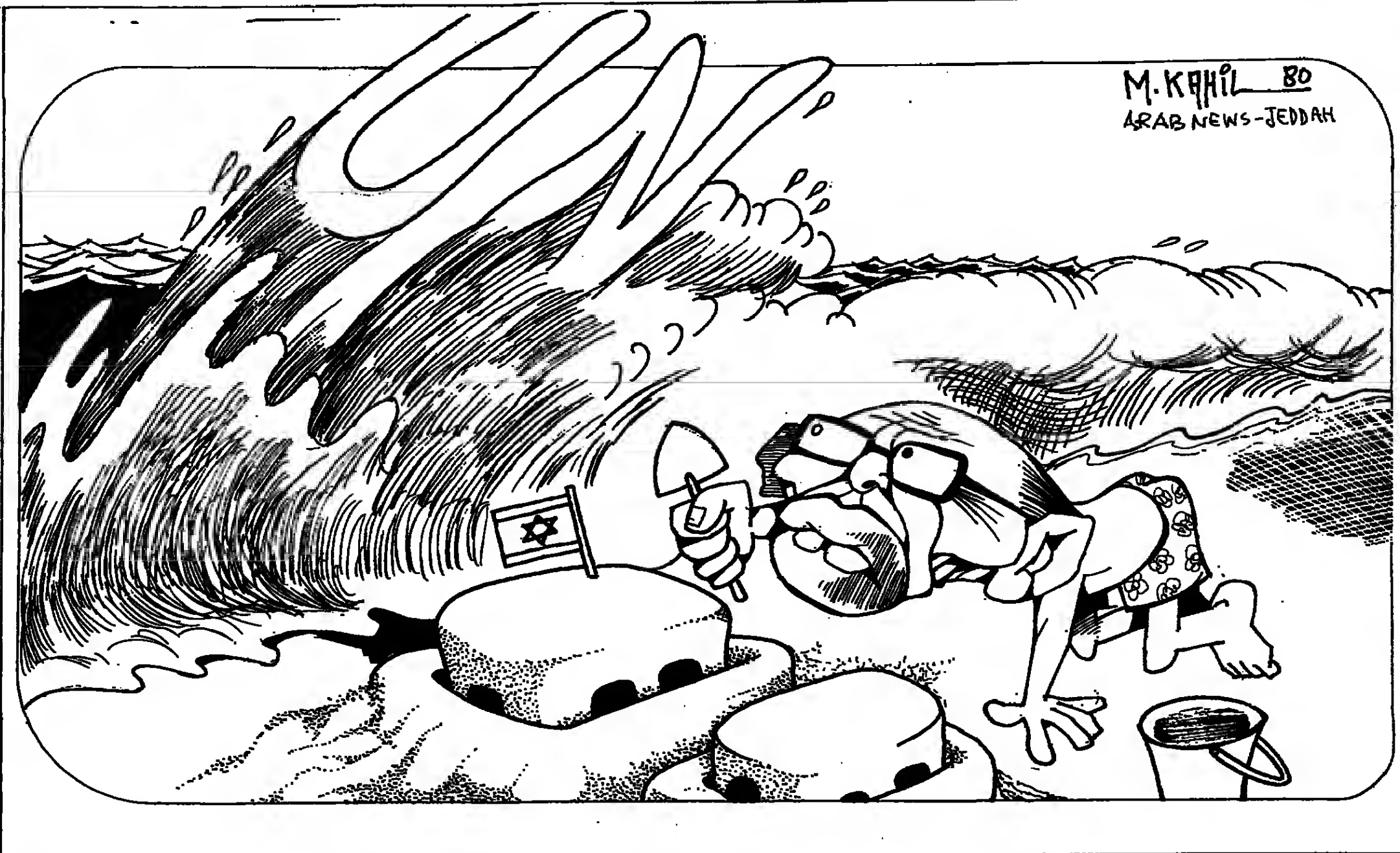
The commission's failure was caused by the persistent silence of Ayatollah Khomeini, which was broken Monday to order that the hostages should stay in the hands of the students holding them; and that their case will have to be handled by the Iranian parliament once it convenes. The time scale envisaged for the hostages' release has been extended now to this coming May.

Apart from the additional suffering this will bring to the hostages themselves, the danger this downturn brings is now particularly acute. And its possible source is the reaction, or the overreaction of President Carter.

Carter's first act on hearing that the commission has left Tehran was to call congressional leaders to a meeting in the White House. This is a step taken only when the president is contemplating a decision so drastic as to require Congress agreement.

Carter knows that he owes a great deal of his recent popularity to his original handling of the Iranian-American crisis; and that this recent development threatens it. He has also been under pressure following the fiasco of the American vote at the United Nations, which is expected to cost him dear in both Jewish and black votes.

Let us hope that electoral concerns will not override international ones at this juncture; and that, if Carter has to make some electoral gesture, it will not take the form of a rash and irreversible action, but be more of a political nature.



Ford only chance for Republicans?

By Anthony Holden

MIAMI, Florida — Could the next president of the United States be...the last president to emerge from the twists and turns of America's extraordinary 1980 election year, in which the pundits are no longer prepared to predict beyond tomorrow.

Just two weeks ago, former President Gerald Ford wrapped up a speaking engagement at a California university, climbed into the bullet-proof car waiting to carry him home, and asked an aide: "What do you hear from New Hampshire?"

On learning of Ronald Reagan's unexpected landslide victory over George Bush, and over all the other Republican hopefuls, Ford is said to have

raised an eyebrow or two, muttered "Very interesting", and turned his attention to more pressing matters such as the next day's golf game.

But three days later, as moderate Republicans on Capitol Hill mentioned his name in clutches around the corridors of power, Ford summoned a *New York Times* reporter to his home at Rancho Mirage, Palm Springs. "Reagan," he said, "could not beat Jimmy Carter in the general election." Choosing his words with deliberate care, he went on: "If a broad-based cross-section of the party invited me to run, I would respond."

For months now, there have been rumors around Washington that Ford would like to enter the 1980 race. The former president himself has denied all, maintaining — with all sincerity — that his new life as a highly-paid after-dinner speaker and celebrity

guest in pro-Am golf tournaments is more lucrative and less demanding than life in the White House.

But Ford, say those who know him best, is addicted to politics. He loves a good electoral scrap, and he would like to win the presidency in his own right — being the only president in American history who has failed to do so.

What is more, he bears something of a grudge against Ronald Reagan, whose persistence in challenging him for the 1976 Republican nomination probably cost him the subsequent presidential race against Jimmy Carter. He would also, for much the same reasons, relish a chance to show that he could beat Carter — and the evidence of all the current polls is that he is the Republican with the best chance to do just that.

Ford has left his bid very late. The dignity expected of a former president has hitherto compelled him to demur with modest dignity when asked about his chances of returning to the White House in 1980. Tactically he has already missed the entry deadline for more than a third of the crucial delegate-collecting primaries.

Which is why he made his move recently, in effect, Ford's unexpected candor with the *New York Times* is a plea to the Republican Party to stand up and be heard demanding his entry into the race. He wants to hear them insist on his saving the party from its right wing. He wants them to say: "Jerry, you're our only chance."

The odds are that they will. Reagan's prospects in the imminent spate of primaries look like carrying him toward the nominating convention in July with a powerful lead. It is most unlikely, as Ford had hoped earlier, that a deadlocked convention would turn to him to save the party from oblivion.

So he must enter the race in his own right, and he must announce his intention to do so within the next two weeks. A huddle of Ford loyalists at his California ranch recently, as the man from the *New York Times* came and went, indicated that the former president was in deadly earnest.

The nomination of Ronald Reagan could

despatch the Republican Party on the kind of kamikaze mission it remembers from 1964, when Barry Goldwater was humiliated by the incumbent President Johnson. Reagan, all the polls show, is the Republican least likely to heat Carter. Yet no effective challenger has so far emerged.

Ford, at the same time, is no longer remembered primarily as the president who tripped over his skis and kept falling down the steps of Air Force One — the man, in Lyndon Johnson's immortal words, who could not "walk and chew gum at the same time."

He is remembered as a president who could cope with inflation — running at 4.5 per cent when Ford left office, and three years later, under Carter, at 18 per cent. He restored the country's political equilibrium after the trauma of Watergate. He is adjudged a man of honesty and integrity, who didn't do such a bad job after all.

At 66 Ford is only three years younger than Reagan, whose age has become a major campaign issue. But the former president and his wife, Betty, have behaved with candor and dignity since their ejection from the White House. The man responsible for their ejection meanwhile, has failed to deliver on more campaign promises than anyone can remember.

The tactics ahead are formidably complex. Beating Reagan to the nomination is an even more daunting task than beating the incumbent president thereafter. But Ford's support among the moderate soft-center of the Republican Party, at present divided between George Bush, Howard Baker and John Anderson, could prove a serious challenge to Reagan's highly conservative constituency.

He recently achieved national acclaim by sinking a chip shot in a nationally televised celebrity golf tournament. To many, it was Ford's finest hour. But a finer one could await friends say Ford would gladly surrender all that for a triumphant return to his former residence in Pennsylvania Avenue, swept back on a tide of emotional patriotic fervor. — (OFNS)

saudi press review

Somali President Siad Barre's denial in Riyadh Tuesday that he offered military bases or similar facilities to any foreign country topped the front pages of most newspapers. In a lead story, *Al Medina* covered the opening of the fourth annual conference of the Board of Governors of Islamic Development Bank (IDB) by Acting Governor of Mecca Prince Saud ibn Abdul Mubsin, who said the Kingdom was anxious to support the efforts of the Islamic world in the improvement of mankind's welfare. *Al Riyadh* played as its lead a statement by Khalid Al-Hassan, member of Fateh's central committee, in which he said that hostile elements intensified their campaign against Saudi Arabia after the signing of the Camp David accords.

In a front-page story, *Al Medina* gave prominence to Britain's recognition of the strong trend toward recognizing the rights of Palestinians to establish an independent state. The newspapers treated as their front-page story the deliberations of the second conference of the Ministers of Endowments and Islamic Affairs which, among other things, condemned Egypt and the United States for a signing a separate peace treaty with Israel, and recommended that young men be prepared for jihad to liberate Palestine and Jerusalem. It also called for the drafting of an Islamic charter to enforce the Islamic law (Sharia) in the Islamic states.

Al Nadwa reported in a front-page story that Israel has confiscated 1,100 (450 hectares) of Jerusalem territory to set up a

Jewish colony in preparation for Judaizing the holy city. *Al Riyadh* gave front-page play to bloody clashes around the Israeli embassy in Cairo. The Jerusalem Committee, now meeting in Marrakesh under the chairmanship of King Hassan II of Morocco, to map a strategy to preserve the Arab and Islamic character of Jerusalem, figured prominently in *Al Bilad* newspaper.

In an editorial, *Al Riyadh* said Wednesday that Saudi Arabia and the states of the Gulf have given unqualified support to the Arab cause and Palestinian rights out of a conviction that these causes are just and right. It added that the political and economic weight of the issue ought to remain a focal point in achieving a military and economic coordination. From this standpoint, Europe has begun making a move to support efforts in the cause of peace and right, it said.

Al Jazirah wondered why Egypt now showed intransigence in normalizing its relations with Israel after submitting to Israel in the first place and getting nothing in return. Referring to Egypt's claim of support for Arab rights, the paper said the latest Israeli refusals to evacuate Arab territories occupied in the June 1967 war prove Arab rights are in danger.

Al Medina concentrated on the meetings of the Board of Governors of the Islamic Development Bank now taking place in Jeddah. It said that a review of the bank's previous achievements raised the hope that the seeds of Islamic solidarity have now started bearing fruit. The economic and financial

awakening of the Islamic states has, in fact, frightened the West, said the paper. It said that time was ripe for the IDB to play a more effective role by serving a central bank functioning in cooperation with the central banks of Islamic states to undermine the domination of the Zionist-led New York banks over the finances of the world as a whole. It hoped that the responsible officials of the Islamic world will take positive steps in this direction.

Al Nadwa said in an editorial that while the Arabs adopt resolutions on crucial issues but don't see to their implementation, their enemies concern themselves with the implementation of all their resolutions and plots, so much so that they even disregard international resolutions and go ahead with their own plans. The paper said "our resolutions are a historic responsibility upon us, and if we continue in the present manner we will only lose more of our issues and rights."

Commenting on the activities of the Jerusalem Committee now meeting in Marrakesh, *Al Bilad* said it was a matter of satisfaction that the Arab and Islamic states have intensified their efforts for the cause of Jerusalem. Saudi Arabia's activities in this behalf form a focal point of the Islamic move toward this cause, which has been aptly described by King Khalid as the prime issue of Arabs and Muslims alike. The paper stressed the significance of the committee's task and hoped that the holy city of Jerusalem will one day annihilate the invaders and restore a peaceful life within the framework of Islamic justice.

Mr. Jimmy Carter
President of the United States
The White House
Washington D.C.
U.S.A.

Dear Mr. President,

It is with disappointment that I read of your recent decision disavowing our U.N. representative's vote calling for Israeli withdrawal from occupied territories and the dismantling of Israeli settlements.

As a Palestinian-American who has lived in the United States for over 18 years and who studied American institutions, I am surprised that you did not support a vote on a policy that you and your predecessors have long advocated.

As one who has visited Palestine since its occupation, I have seen the ugly face of Israeli "democracy" — not only in the streets of Jerusalem, but also in the open confiscation of Arab lands, destruction of entire towns and villages, the forcible eviction of Arab people and the destruction of their homes. This is in addition to the random and indiscriminate arrests and jailing of innocent Arab people.

The United States' policy toward Israel, we are told has always been based on our moral commitments and historical ties to the Zionist state. Yet, as citizens of the United States we have never been afforded the opportunity to debate in the open and in public this special relation.

As citizens of the United States, we have been able to debate the Vietnam war, the civil rights movement, nuclear weapons, the CIA and the FBI, poverty, hunger, even the creation, but we have never been given the opportunity to exercise our constitutional rights as citizens, and as free government to debate in public and without intimidation our "special relation" with Israel. Why?

The question I have for you, Mr. President is: Who has the right to decide our American morality? Zionists like Henry Kissinger and Robert Strauss, perhaps Begin, and the American Jewish Congress? As a free man, and as an American, I strongly reject the idea that my "morality" should be decided by these men and these institutions. Our American morality can and should be decided by every American individually and should not be dictated by the prophets of today's Zionism.

Our foreign policy, especially our policy toward the Middle East, has never been the prerogative of our citizens. It has always been decided upon during fund raising activities for our presidential and congressional candidates. It has always been for sale. Purchased by Zionists and paid for dearly by our American citizens, who are already overburdened by our support of racist Israel.

Mr. President, you have run for the presidency advocating open government and free debate of the issues. Almost three years later we see no fulfillment of your promises. Why?

We have given the Israelis the best and most efficient killing machines in the world so that they can test our advanced technology on innocent people in the Middle East.

We have given the Israelis new weapons with certain "conditions" only to see these conditions violated every day, yet our State Department fails to take action. Why?

We have promised to guarantee Israel's oil supplies, at a time when we Americans cannot guarantee oil for ourselves.

We have given the Israelis billions of dollars in aid, at a time when our citizens are crying for help and are dying of neglect.

We have given the Israelis hundreds of millions of dollars to "resettle" Russian-Jewish immigrants, at a time when our citizens suffer in the worst slums

man has ever seen. You have seen it Mr. President during your visit to the Bronx a couple of years ago.

We have given Israel more tax dollars than some of our states receive from Washington. We debate a miserable \$50 rebate to our citizens, yet we barely debate billions of dollars given to Israel. Why?

We have granted the Israelis privileges that our own constitution does not grant us. We pay the taxes, they receive the benefits. We vote in elections, they elect our president and Congress.

We declare war and kill millions of people because some of our ships were harassed. They kill and wound our American sailors, but we satisfy ourselves with an apology. Why?

We have given the Israelis everything they ask for, yet they freely steal what they don't ask for or need, as is the case of the enriched uranium "conveniently" found missing from plants in Pennsylvania. Our CIA and FBI could not even dare to conduct a complete investigation.

Is this, Mr. President, our "special" relation with Israel?

Mr. President, you frequently speak of human rights, you even made it a point to speak at the U.N. on this special topic, yet you witness innocent Arab people dying at the hands of our "best friends" and you fail to speak on behalf of these victims. Is this your human rights policy?

Is the Zionist holding our morality hostage, as they hold hostage our freedom of speech, expression, association as well as our political independence?

The American people have ever since the creation of Israel on Palestinian land been intimidated in their quest for the truth. Anti-semitism has always been thrown in our faces, whenever we attempt to speak out and express our opinion on our government policy in the Middle East.

We have been intimidated in the streets of New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, Miami and in many other American cities, not only by Zionists, but also by police and federal agencies whose function is to protect our constitutional rights.

We could not show the film *The Palestinian* in theaters in New York City. We had to show the film in the sanctuary of the U.N. Has America ceased to be the land of the free and the home of the brave?

Our American citizens are arrested by the Israelis for exercising their first amendment rights in our American cities, yet our State Department is apologetic for its involvement in their release. Even our appointed and elected officials are removed to ambivalence and obscurity whenever they dare to question our "special" relation with Israel. Perhaps we should pass an amendment to the constitution limiting our rights to debate this "special" relation.

Mr. President, it is truly a sad day when the greatest democracy in the world aligns itself with the most vicious, cruel, racial and inhuman country in the world. It is an insult to the founding fathers of the nation and to our constitution when the Zionists and their political sympathizers favorably compare American democracy with Israeli "democracy."

It is an insult to the humanity of every free man and woman in the United States to be intimidated into supporting Israel. It is a violation of our constitutional philosophy, that our own institutions force us to discriminate against innocent people, such as the Arab people of Palestine.

Somehow, Mr. President, America's conscience and morality have been bought cheaply by the Zionists.

Our Middle East policy is inconsistent with our ideals, ideals that made America what it is.

God help you Mr. President. Certainly He will not forgive you.

Regards.

Palestinian American

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Name withheld upon request)

Community news

By Staff Writers

JEDDAH — The Meridien Hotel has been the scene of hectic activity where the Fourth Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors of the Islamic Development Bank is being held from March 11 to 13. The meeting was inaugurated by Prince Saud bin Abdul Mohsen.

Several functions have been organized in connection with the meeting. Sheikh Muhammad Aba Al-Khail, the finance minister, hosted a lunch at the Jeddah Tower Restaurant on March 11 in honor of the delegates to which local dignitaries and members of the diplomatic corps were invited. The guests enjoyed the sumptuous meal while having a panoramic view of the city. Later in the evening, Dr. Ahmed Muhammad Ali, president of the IDB, held a reception at the Bank for the delegations and other dignitaries. At the reception, he was congratulated on his reelection as the bank's president for a second term of five years. Another function held was the lunch at the Kandara Palace Hotel by the chairman of the board of directors of the IDB.

The wives of the governors of the IDB had a separate program which included visits to the women's section of King Abdul Aziz University and the Faisaliyah Women's Welfare Society. Mrs. Ahmed Muhammad Ali also hosted a lunch in their honor.

Dinner

The Ambassador of Switzerland, Mr. Andre Maillard, held a dinner at his residence last Thursday which was attended among others, by Andre Bernard, the visiting trumpeter. Mr. Bernard looked relaxed at the dinner after his successful concert at Riyadh and Jeddah. The dinner afforded an opportunity to music lovers to get to know him.

Reception

The Charge d'Affaires of the Pakistan Embassy and Mrs. Ashraf gave a reception at their house on Tuesday. They took advantage of the surprisingly cool Jeddah weather and held the reception in their spacious garden. The Ashrafs, who are relatively recent arrivals in Jeddah, have already made a vast circle of friends.

Coffee

Mrs. Andre de Schutter, the wife of the Belgian Ambassador has arranged a morning coffee on Tuesday March 18 at 11.00 a.m. at her residence. There will also be a recital.

Bazaar

The French School is holding its annual bazaar on March 13 from 9.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. and in the afternoon from 4.00 to 8.00 p.m. on sale will be a variety of items including plants, books, carpets, art and food. There will be amusements and games for children. Adults pay SR10 and children are allowed free.

Party

Al-Khairiyah Women's Welfare Society will hold a children's fun and games party on March 13 from 3.00 to 9.00 p.m. at its premises on Mecca Road Kilo 3.

Lecture

Arabian jewellery and costume expert Heather Ross will entertain women members of the British Embassy's Taif Club with a talk on the subject next Monday. (17th) Guests for the afternoon will include wives of British, Canadian, Irish and Australian diplomats. Other women belonging to these communities will also be welcome at the talk but anyone wanting to attend should telephone Joanne Robert on 53603. Coffee will be served after the talk. While in Jeddah, Mrs. Ross will also give a talk to American ladies.

Farewells

Miss Julia Hamilton Gleason II left Jeddah this week for London and the Cheltenham National Hunt Festival. Miss Gleason, who came for her third winter in Arabia, spent six weeks traveling around the country. After a week in England, she will leave for St. Thomas in the Caribbean and then return to Cobasset, Massachusetts before summering in Newport. Jeddah last week said goodbye to David Mainland, of Kensington and Angus, going home after slightly less than two years in the Kingdom. He returns to London, and is to travel to Scotland for the start of the season.

DHAHRAN — It's been a busy week at Dhahran Academy. An Honorary Tea was held for the 55 Junior High Students who made the Honor Roll this past quarter. Cookies and fruit punch were appreciated by the bright teenagers and their proud parents. In the Lucky Draw which climaxed the celebration, students won prizes donated by local merchants. Quite a few boys won vials of perfume to the amusement of their friends. Eight of the students made straight A's: Badi Emil Bonlos, Clara Costandi, Linda Djerjian, Patricia Presnoza, Bonnie Lawrence, Eric Block, Emma Muncton, and Quyen Tran.

Sailing the Red Sea aboard the El Arish

By Joyce Prince

JEDDAH — The freshly painted bow of the new 30,000 ton Norwegian built ship broke the serene surface of the Red Sea. She looked like a cruise ship but she is not meant only for pleasure. The business of "The El Arish", is a three-fold: to provide comfortable sea travel to those wishing a voyage; to fulfill the growing demand for inexpensive transport for laborers going to and from Jeddah and Egypt, via Port Suez and to transport Pilgrims to Mecca.

The El Arish is the second long-haul ferry boat to ply the Red Sea. The "Sandi Moon" was the first put into service 3 years ago, calling at Jeddah and Aqaba. The El Arish is a well timed addition, with the growing need for inexpensive transportation, especially during the holiday season. Trucks, buses, mini-buses, pick-up trucks, large cars, station wagons and small cars down to a motorcycle may be driven on.

Under construction for one year in Bergen, Norway, the El Arish cost \$85 million and is 80 per cent owned by Miss Edco, a bank in Egypt and 20 per cent owned by Gypson, a shipping agency in Norway.

"We realize the hardships placed upon the Middle Eastern Transport systems," commented Captain Ahmed Samy, "and we feel the ship will alleviate some of the over crowding problems, especially during Umra, Ramadan and Hajj seasons."

"The ship was built with the laborer and pilgrim in mind. We have provided room for cars, excess luggage, reasonable priced eating facilities, nicely appointed cabins (with running water for drinking and showering) and a 'sleepers' section' for those who do not want a cabin, but just a comfortable place to sit."

Captain Samy is a man of the sea. He joined the Royal Navy Academy in 1950, and graduated as lieutenant colonel. From 1959 to 1967 he was captain of a submarine, and after that captain of a German based transport ship. Samy's son is now 21 and has won his 2nd mate certificate from AMTA (Arab Maritime Transport Academy) and will join a Norwegian Ship Company. "We plan for him to join me as soon as he reaches captain," says Samy.

Sea gulls and an occasional far-off ship are the only things one sees, once the ship sails. The sights, winds and currents of the Red Sea, are a soothing relief from city life, and the anchoring, docking and berthing of a 30,000 ton ship is something to walk the decks for.

There are 82 crew members who serve pas-

sengers as well as run the ship. Cleaning and servicing of all cabins is done daily, and is included in the ticket, but food is brought to the room only for those who are ill.

The ship holds 500 passengers and 165 cars and is totally air conditioned. There are 160 sleeperettes, (large comfortable upholstered reclining chairs), 30 first class double cabins (bunks), 4 triple cabins with an adjoining cabin with a sleeper and in the tourist class there are 82 four-berth cabins.

"Gone are the days of the rolling bow and roaring engines," Chief Engineer Ibrahim Zaki says. "The engine room is a joy to work — so highly specialized are the 4 new diesel engines, you can hardly hear them."

Zaki attended Alexandria's Engineering Academy for five years and joined the Royal Navy in 1957. "The fuel tanks hold 450 tons of intermediate fuel oil, costing about SR845 per ton," says Zaki. "We use diesel oil (which costs SR340 more than the intermediate) for maneuvering cruises, for the auxiliary engines. When fuelling she can take on 70 tons of fuel per hour." The fuel intake depends on speed and distance, but the fully loaded, the El Arish on average trips, can sail about 3 weeks.

The ship now uses only two of the four engines and cruises at 12 to 14 knots (14 to 16 miles per hour), instead of the possible 19 knots (22 miles per hour). This saves fuel. Since the ship is not pressed for time, the 630 miles (1 leg) to Port Suez can be done at about 14 knots per hour. During high seasons, the four engines will be used and the time of the trip cut down accordingly.

Muhammad Abdou, Chief Purser, is responsible for all supplies as well as the comfort and welfare of the passengers. His duties also require him to be sure the kitchen staff is happy with their supply of foodstuffs. "We serve European-Arabian food," explained Abdou. "The cafeteria for tourist class serves about 350 people and an average lunch and supper of rice, soup, meat and vegetable costs SR10. Breakfast of eggs, meat, marmalade, cheese and bread — coffee or tea is SR5."

The first class dining room seats about 80 people and lunch and supper is SR15 with breakfast for SR7. The food is excellent. Rice and chicken and braised beef, specialties such as Molokhai (green vegetable soup which is delicious) and lentil soup are served and there is steak and mashed potatoes for those preferring a European touch. All this is smartly accompanied by white linen table cloths and napkins and expertly served by a smiling immaculately dressed waiter.

There is a doctor on board at all times with separate male and female accommodations and a full pharmacy.

The ship leaves Jeddah every five days, two days enroute to Port Suez and about six hours in Port (3rd day). If you wish to take a car, Cairo is about a two hour drive from Port



Captain Samy on the bridge

Suez. There is bus service from Port Suez to Cairo, and of course all sorts of further travel plans can be made in Cairo. Arrangements should be made when you first leave the ship to catch her again in Port Suez on her return to Jeddah, six days later.

The passenger fares quoted from Suez/Jeddah and Jeddah/Suez are all for one way and do not include taxes or meals. First Class Bridgedeck for a single cabin is SR675, and a

twin cabin SR475. First Boat-deck for a twin cabin is SR450 and Triple cabin SR425. Tourist Class fare for a double cabin is SR350, Triple cabin SR250 and the four berth cabin is SR250. Bridge deck Tourist Class Sleeperettes cost SR250.

For those wishing more information on time schedule and necessary documents required call: Mr. Martin Baird — Kanoo Travel Service — Jeddah — 021-74241 or 021-71608.

Notice

The King's Camel Races have been postponed until Thursday, March 20.

KIOSK

Goings on about town

Jeddah

Monday, April 7 through Thursday, April 10

A Production of Equus at the British Embassy Stage, directed by David Fromtin. Tickets are on sale at the following places and times: Saturdays from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the British Embassy Library; Sundays at 8:00 p.m. at the British Embassy Cinema; from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the British Embassy on March 31 and April 1, 2, 3, 5, 6. Telephone bookings may be made at 59137 during the evenings only.

Thursday, March 13, Friday, March 14

An exhibition of paintings by Shirley Chu Mitschke at the Meridien Hotel's French Restaurant.

Thursday, March 13

Golfers and tennis players from the Eastern Province compete against the Dunes Club.

Riyadh

Saturday, March 15 through Wednesday, May 21

Dance lessons for beginners and advanced dancers are offered by Sandra Thompson for 10 weeks. Call 4641353 for details.

Saturday, March 15

Registration begins for batik classes. Call Dan Larkins at 4043945, extension 315.

Saturday, March 15 through Thursday, April 3

The annual Riyadh Desert Classic tennis tournament begins at 9:00 a.m. and continues until 6:30 p.m. daily. A schedule of matches is available at the main gate of the King Faisal Hospital.

Saturday, March 15

Tickets go on sale at the Intercon-

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Document allowed CIA to spy without telling

WASHINGTON, March 12 (AP) — The U.S. Justice Department has released portions of a 2½-year-old secret legal opinion that allows the Central Intelligence Agency to conduct covert foreign spy activities without notifying Congress in advance.

The October 1977 opinion released Tuesday conflicted with congressional understanding that earlier legislation, two congressional resolutions and a subsequent presidential order required prior notification of covert foreign operations.

The opinion, prepared by the Justice Department's office of legal counsel for then-Attorney General Griffin Bell, dealt

CIA director denies torture

VANCOUVER, British Columbia, March 12 (AP) — William Colby says the Central Intelligence Agency worked with Savak, the Iranian secret police, in covert operations against the Soviet Union, but denied the CIA was involved in torture in Iran.

Colby, who served as CIA director from 1973 to 1976, denied Iranian accusations that the agency was involved with Savak in practicing torture techniques during the reign of the former Shah.

Speaking Tuesday on a radio talk show, Colby said the CIA received help from Savak in monitoring Soviet military movements.

"As for the torture and that sort of thing, I'm sure that the Savak organization, in part, did some of this," Colby said. "I'm not sure how much, quite frankly, and the one thing I am absolutely sure of is that the CIA had nothing to do with it, nothing."

Romanian envoy granted asylum

WASHINGTON, March 12 (R) — The United States has granted political asylum to a Romanian diplomat, his wife and child, State Department officials have said.

The action was taken last Friday on a request made on Feb. 24 by Nicholas Horodincea, third secretary at Romania's Washington embassy, after he received orders to return home.

Officials denied Romanian allegations that U.S. authorities had kidnapped the diplomat's wife, Cristina, and their three-year-old son after Horodincea sought asylum.

The officials said Mrs. Horodincea was not pressured in deciding about remaining in the United States with her husband.

Romanian press reports quoted the Foreign Ministry in Bucharest as saying U.S. officials had stopped Mrs. Horodincea from boarding a flight from Washington to Romania and had taken her and her son to a military hospital.

with the 1974 Hughes-Ryan amendment. The opinion said: "It is clear from the legislative history that reports to Congress need not occur before the operation is conducted."

A spokesman for the Senate intelligence committee, who declined to be identified, said both the Senate and House intelligence committees had operated under their congressional resolutions, not under the Hughes-Ryan amendment.

The dispute over what rules the CIA has observed first were disclosed at a Senate intelligence committee hearing Feb. 21. Several senators said the committee had been informed in advance of all but one covert action. But CIA Director Stansfield Turner told them, "that is not correct." Turner refused to say how many other actions had been conducted without notifying the committee.

The *Los Angeles Times* reported Tuesday that until the legal opinion was issued by the Justice Department, Turner had opposed a pending executive order governing the conduct of intelligence agencies. President Jimmy Carter issued the order Jan. 24, 1978, just three months after the Justice Department opinion was prepared.

The executive order said the CIA will keep the House and Senate intelligence committees "fully and currently informed concerning intelligence activities, including any significant anticipated activities."

Identical language was contained in House and Senate resolutions establishing the intelligence committees.

Assistant Attorney General John Harmon, who heads the office of legal counsel, said the Justice Department opinion dealt only with the Hughes-Ryan amendment and not the House and Senate resolutions.

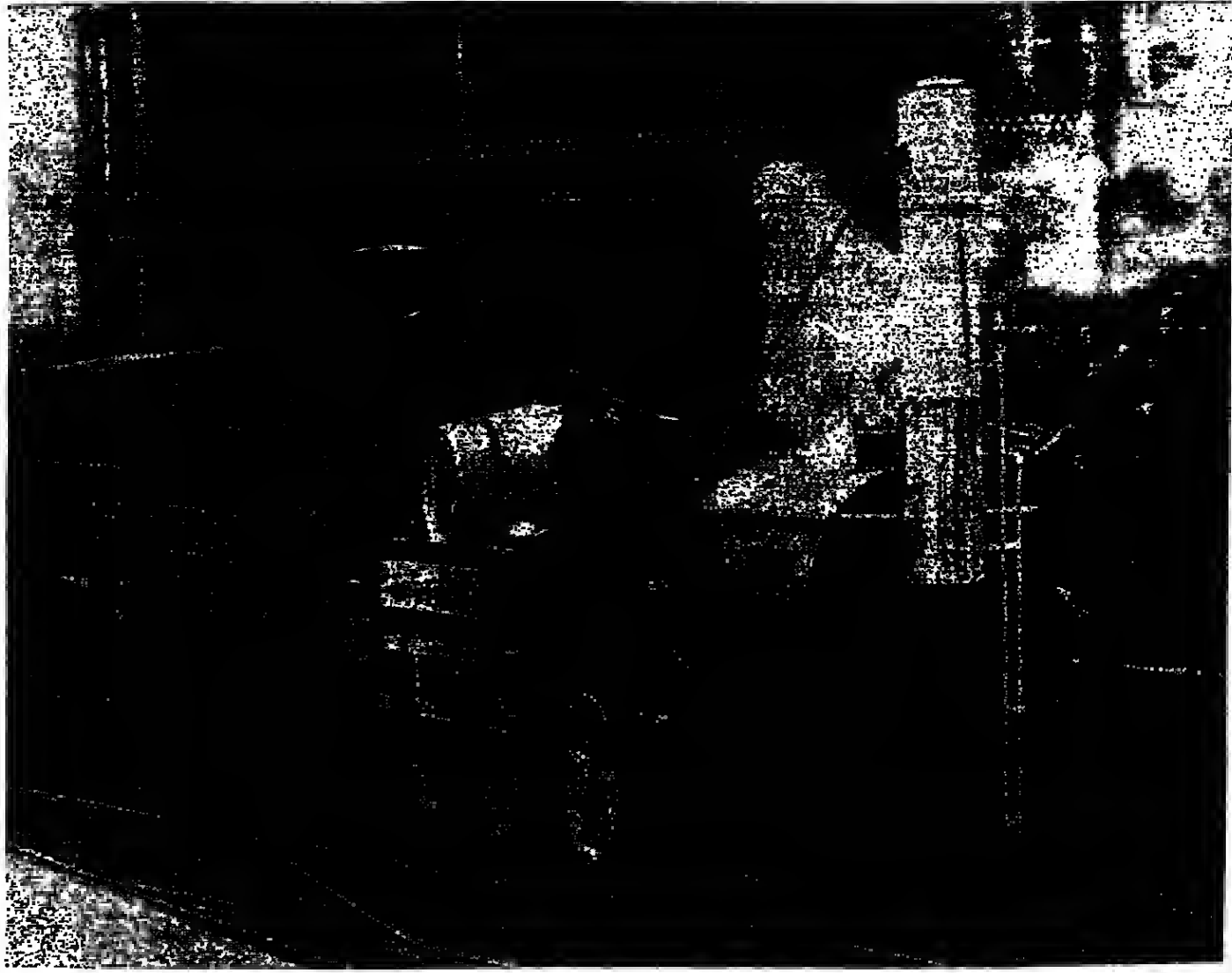
He also said Bell, in requesting the opinion, made no reference to Carter's pending executive order.

Meanwhile, Representative Les Aspin, Democrat-Wisconsin, a member of the House intelligence committee, disclosed a 1975 Library of Congress study that concluded the Hughes-Ryan amendment required prior notification of Congress.

The Hughes-Ryan amendment prohibits the CIA from undertaking any foreign operation not strictly limited to intelligence-gathering "unless and until the president finds that each such operation is important to the national security of the United States and reports, in a timely fashion, a description and scope...to the appropriate committees of Congress."

The Justice Department opinion said the phrase "in a timely fashion" meant reports need not be made before an operation.

Senator Walter Huddleston, Democrat-Kentucky, a member of the Senate intelligence committee, has introduced a comprehensive legislative charter for the CIA which would require prior notification. The Carter administration opposes that provision on grounds it would inhibit cooperation with the CIA.



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Fled Communist rule

Indochinese families readjust to Argentina

SANTA FE, Argentina, March 12 (AP) — The flight from Communist rule in Laos took Thavisak Rajbhakdi and eight of his 11 brothers to a refugee camp in Thailand, then to new lives in eight different countries.

Thavisak, an electrician in his hometown of Paksee, ended up on a tree farm in Argentina, a country that is accepting 1,000 Laotian, Cambodian and Vietnamese refugee families willing to work in agriculture.

About one fifth of the 287 families who have come since September had never worked in the countryside. At least 26 have walked off the first jobs assigned to them here. A few have shocked their hosts with old-world customs like killing and eating dogs.

Many long to be with their kin who were settled in other nations.

Argentina and United Nations officials say they are satisfied so far with the first program to settle Indochinese refugees in Latin

America.

"These people don't come from just another country, but from another world," said Col. Remigio Azcona, national director of migrations. "Considering the tremendous cultural and social differences they find here, the results are excellent. The problems arise from 10 per cent of the families. The other 90 per cent work normally, learn the language quickly and know our currency, our way of life and our customs."

The five Laotian families living here since October on the state-owned tree farm meet each evening for two hours of Spanish lessons. During the day, the women take care of their young while their husbands take care of trees. On holidays they mix socially with some of the 40 Argentine workers. On Sundays the men go fishing.

Ofor Thavisak, 27, it is only a beginning. In spare moments, he writes to his brothers in Canada, the United States, Austria, France,

Switzerland, West Germany and Thailand.

He tells them about his two sons, the child his wife expects in July, his other job repairing television sets, and his dream of opening a repair shop in downtown Santa Fe.

"That will take a long time and much work," he says. "I tell my brothers it will be many years before I can visit them."

Some skilled refugees got a better start. Argentina, with a housing shortage in the cities, advertised for farm workers only. A lot of refugees lied about their occupations, but the truth came out during their 40-day orientation and job placement. Most ended up on farms anyway, but a few got higher-paying work as plumbers, carpenters, tailors, jewelers and mechanics.

Part of the military government's motive in taking refugees was to answer critics of its human rights record with a humanitarian gesture. The outpouring of job offers — about two for each refugee worker — showed how badly the country needed their labor.

Group mulls alternative Olympic plan

PARIS, March 12 (AP) — The head of International Amateur Athletics Federation has said he is in close contact with U.S. officials concerning a possible alternate Olympic Games to punish the Soviet Union for its intervention in Afghanistan.

The IAAF already has ruled against supporting any Olympic boycott, but its president, Adrian Paulen, said he had reason to be optimistic that the matter still could be straightened out.

"I can't give any details, the discussion right now are two intimate, but I am optimistic," the Dutch athletics official Tuesday.

Asked if he had been contacted by American government, Paulen said he had received a letter from White House stating which he said he received five days ago would not say what it contained.

He also disclosed that he had received lengthy telex message from the United States in the Paris hotel where the IAAF executive council has just finished a two-day meeting.

"A gentleman from Washington," he came to see him Monday night. He would not elaborate. But whether he had been contacted by the government over the possibility of holding alternative athletic meet, Paulen said, "I might say that."

The IAAF has left the question of the Olympics in Moscow to the International Olympic Committee, but says it will not join any other track and field meet during July 19-Aug. 3 Olympics.

Meanwhile, in Washington, U.S. Postmaster General William Bolger said the I Service will no longer sell summer Olympic postage stamps, stationery items or philatelic products because of President Jimmy Carter's opposition to holding the Games in Moscow.

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From Hong Kong and Taiwan

Smugglers invading mainland China

PEKING, March 12 (R) — Communist China is facing an increasing problem of smuggling both across its border with Hong Kong and with the Republic of China, Taiwan.

The official press has reported a surprising number of cases recently of Hong Kong and Taiwan residents being arrested for smuggling offenses.

But the demand for foreign-made goods, especially in the southern province of Guangdong, which Borders Hong Kong, is continuing to grow, and Chinese customs officers will be hard-pressed to stem the flow.

Most of the smuggling is small-time — individuals from Hong Kong dodging the strict Chinese customs regulations to bring in

a tape-recorder, a calculator or perhaps a few cassette tapes. But the authorities have also broken a number of big cases.

One Chinese source said the black market in the southern city of Canton, about 120 km north of Hong Kong, was getting busier all the time.

"You can buy anything on the black market in Canton — tapes, tape-recorders, watches, clothes, anything. Occasionally the police crack down and arrest a few people and for a while things quieten down, but they always spring up again," the source said.

The source said a pirated cassette tape, which in Hong Kong costs about two yuan (\$1.30 U.S.), costs 2.50 yuan on the Canton black market.

The official exchange rate is about 30 yuan to 100 Hong Kong dollars, but on the Canton black market, it costs about 60 yuan to buy 100 Hong Kong dollars, the source said.

"The people selling stuff on the black market are mostly unemployed youths. If they had proper jobs they wouldn't take the risk, but there is a lot of unemployment in Canton," the source added.

Black markets also exist in Peking and Shanghai and probably in most other major Chinese cities.

The foreign goods apparently originate mostly from Hong Kong through Guangdong province, with prices in the various markets depending to some extent on the distance from Canton.

It is becoming common to see young men wearing foreign-made sunglasses with the original label left on the lenses to prove their origin.

The Chinese source said a good pair of foreign sunglasses would cost about 16 yuan (\$10.50 U.S.) on the Canton black market, but more than 30 yuan (\$19) on the Peking black market.

One foreigner recently reported meeting a man on a flight to Canton who said he was going there from the far northeastern city of Harbin to buy a large consignment of sunglasses.

Two recent official reports also point to the existence of a smuggling link between Taiwan and the city of Shanghai through Guangdong province, in which gold and silver are used as the main units of exchange.

The most sensational of the smuggling cases revealed recently concerned 12 Taiwanese fishing vessels off the southeastern Chinese port of Shantou with large quantities of gold, silver and foreign electrical equipment on board.

According to the official press report, the smugglers had been bringing in large amounts of foreign watches, tape-recorders, calculators and other equipment and trading them for gold, silver, jade and Chinese medicines with "local speculators."

Meanwhile, Shanghai radio reported that police had arrested a gang which bought watches and tape-recorders from other gangsters in Shantou, near where the Taiwanese fishing vessels were seized.

The report said the gangsters had brought gold in Shanghai for 280 yuan (\$184 per tael, the equivalent of about \$104 an ounce).

They exchanged the gold for foreign goods in Shantou, then "sold them at high prices and bought gold with their illegal profits," the radio said.

One foreign source said the increase in smuggling had followed the vastly increased movements of people in and out of the country, especially across the border with Hong Kong, over the last year or two.

"People are bringing in all kinds of things and then getting involved in selling them on the black market," the source said.

\$8m in gold stolen

MIAMI, Florida, March 12 (AP) — Gold and jewelry worth \$7 million to \$8 million was reportedly taken from a Miami jewelry store in what could be the largest single gold theft in history.

Richard F. Andrews, an insurance investigator, says the store's owner also owns the company that suffered a million dollar precious-metal loss last month at Miami International Airport.

Police said the store owner reported the burglary Sunday.

Andrews said 363 kgs of gold and "literally thousands" of ring mountings, bracelets and other jewelry were taken from Trendline Jewelry sometime last Saturday or Sunday.



SMUGGLERS' HAVEN: Fishing boats moored in the harbor at Hong Kong, a center for a growing traffic in smuggled goods between Asian countries and the Communist mainland.

Outmatches all neighbors, book says

S. Africa could arm 500,000 in a crisis

LONDON, March 12 (AP) — South Africa could raise an army of 500,000 men if faced with a serious crisis, a former Royal Marines officer predicts.

Major General John Owen, writing in a new book, said South Africa's armed strength is "formidable, far outmatching that of any neighboring African state."

It has the "best air force in Africa" and the potential to make nuclear weapons, he said.

Owen's analysis went to print before the March election results in Rhodesia gave overwhelming victory to Marxist Robert Mugabe, a former guerrilla leader against Rhodesia's white minority government.

South African officials had warned that a crisis could develop with their northern neighbor if the ballot produced a heavy swing to the left.

Mugabe said after his election that his gov-

ernment wants mutual coexistence with South Africa, while opposing South African apartheid — race separation — diplomatically and morally, but not militarily.

Owen made his comments in *Infantry Weapons of Armies of Africa, the Orient and Latin America*, which he edited for Brassey's Publishers Ltd. of London. It was printed last month.

"The structure of South Africa's armed forces is designed to offset the racial composition of the population — 4.4 million whites to about 20 million blacks — and the armed forces are almost exclusively white," Owen wrote.

The London-based International Institute of Strategic Studies gives a total strength figure of 63,250 for the armed forces, including 45,250 conscripts, and a total mobilizable

strength of 404,500.

Owen said a twice-yearly callup brings 30,000 trainees each year into compulsory national service training for two years. They can be called up for "camps" for a further 10 years and are not released from the national reserve until they are 65 years old.

"In a serious crisis South Africa could, over a period, raise an army of several hundred thousand men — possibly half a million eventually," Owen wrote.

"In an emergency the South African army could immediately raise an active force of 75,000," he said. "In addition, there are another 75,000 men in the commandos, an armed volunteer militia. There are also 37,000 police of whom 3,000 are organized in counter-insurgency formations and equipped with armored personnel carriers."

India eyes \$25 b budget; 2% GNP drop anticipated

NEW DELHI, March 12 (AP) — Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's government has proposed a \$25.27 billion budget for 1980-81 and predicted a one to two per cent drop this year in gross national product, which it blamed on Mrs. Gandhi's predecessors.

The budget proposal, which calls for no new taxes, envisages a \$1.4 billion deficit. Finance Minister C. Venkataraman said the government, formed in January, did not have sufficient time to plan a budget that would undo all the harm done to the Indian economy during the nearly three years Mrs. Gandhi was out of power.

"The state of economy we have inherited from the Janata-Lok Dal (party) rule of 33 months is such that we shall need some more time to undo the damage suffered by the economy and to evolve a coherent medium-term strategy for revival and restorations of its health," he told parliament.

In presenting the proposed budget, Venkataraman said a special provision was being made to exclude Nobel prize winner Mother Teresa, an Indian citizen, from paying income tax on the \$192,000 prize money.

Less well received in Parliament was his disclosure that the Indian government would finish the fiscal year with a \$3.38 billion deficit instead of an expected \$1.73 billion gap because of the poor economic performance.

Astronomers discover hottest star

PHOENIX, Arizona, March 12 (AP) — Scientists have discovered a pulsating variable star hotter than any previously known, which could help test theories on the way stars evolve, astronomers say.

The discovery was made by a team led by Summer Starrfield, associate professor of physics at Arizona State University, and John McGraw, research associate at the University of Arizona.

"As far as we know, there is no other star like it," Starrfield said. "We searched for other stars like it but we haven't found any so far."

The discovery was the first made on the new multiple mirror telescope, jointly operated by the University of Arizona and the Smithsonian Institution south of Tucson.

The star, listed as PG1159-035, is very significant, Starrfield said.

"It is very bright and very hot and a star can't stay that way for very long, so it is probably cooling and as it cools the way it pulsates will change," he said. "By observing this we will be able to tell how fast it is changing and evolving. It can tell us how good our theories are on how stars evolve."

"This is the very first case where we can actually see a star evolve over the lifetime of a

person," Starrfield said. "We plan to observe it over the next five to 10 years. To see the same kind of changes on our sun we'd have to stick around five billion years. It's a star very, very near to the end of its lifetime. It will tell us what is going to happen to our sun very, very late in its lifetime."

The star varies in intensity about every eight minutes. The pattern would mark it as a common white dwarf, except for its extreme surface heat which sets the star apart, Starrfield said.

The star's surface temperature has been recorded at more than 71,000 degrees Celsius. The sun has a surface temperature of 6,000 degrees.

The discovery occurred on April 27, 1979. Starrfield said he was making observations for some data on some other kinds of pulsating variable stars when the new star was discovered.

"The star is very faint in the sky," Starrfield said. "You need a large telescope to look at it with high accuracy. We had no reason to look at this star before. We looked at it because it was found on a survey. It was catalogued as a hot star, but we didn't know how hot or how bright or that its brightness was changing."

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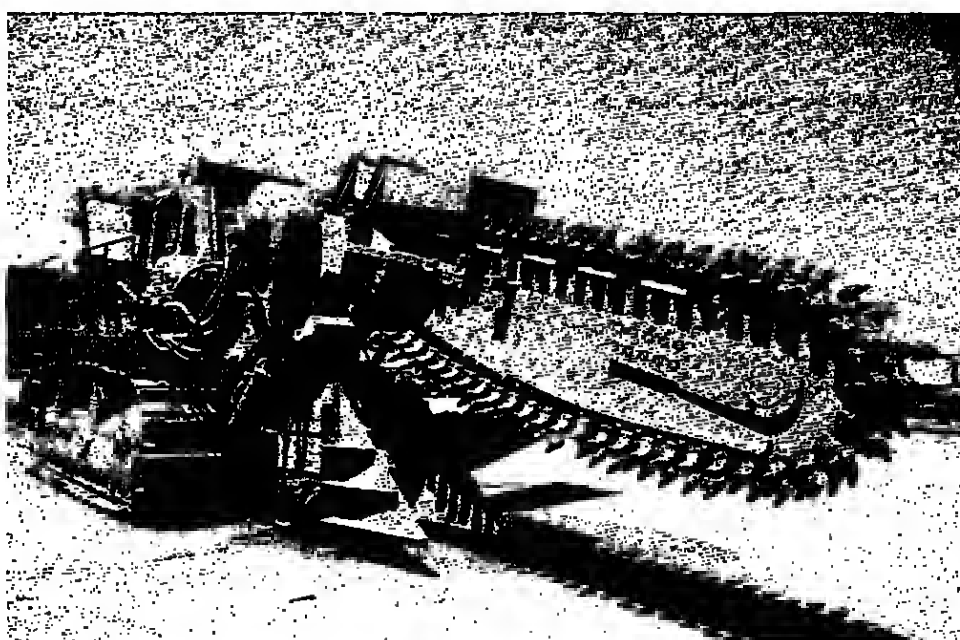
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To fix buffer stock levels

Tin council meets in London

LONDON, March 12 (AP) — Negotiations called by the tin mining nations in the International Tin Council began in London and aimed to establish new buffer stock range levels.

The range, under the 5th International tin Agreement of 1976, controls buying and selling of tin from the council's buffer stock. It

Iran oil still flows into U.S., report says

NEW YORK, March 12 (AP) — NBC news reported that the United States imported more oil from Iran in Jan. 1980 than in Jan. 1979, despite U.S. President Jimmy Carter's pledge to ban further purchases of Iranian oil.

According to the report, on Tuesday "Unpublished Commerce Department figures" show that the United States imported 7.3 million barrels of oil in Jan. 1980, compared to 5.8 million barrels in Jan. 1979.

Commerce Department officials were not available for comment Tuesday night.

Last Nov. 12, eight days after Iranian militants overran the U.S. embassy in Tehran and took Americans hostage, Carter said that as part of the United States' retaliation, no more oil from Iran would be imported.

NBC quoted Carter aide Stuart Eizenstat as saying he has "no information" on oil coming in since Carter's ban.

NBC said the Department of Energy would not say which American oil companies received the Iranian oil.

The report said January's figures would be the first true reflection of any drop in oil imports from Iran, because they would not include oil off-loaded from ships that were at sea at the time of Carter's announcement.

buys tin when prices fall and sells it when they rise in order to stabilize them.

Owing to high world tin prices and because tin production failed to meet demand in the Mid-1970s, the buffer stock was exhausted on Jan. 13, 1977, after an unsuccessful effort by stock managers to halt the upward price spiral through tin sales.

The range now runs from 1,500 ringgit (Malaysian dollars) a picul at the floor to 1,950 ringgit at its ceiling level. A picul equals 133.33 pounds weight or roughly 60.5 kilograms.

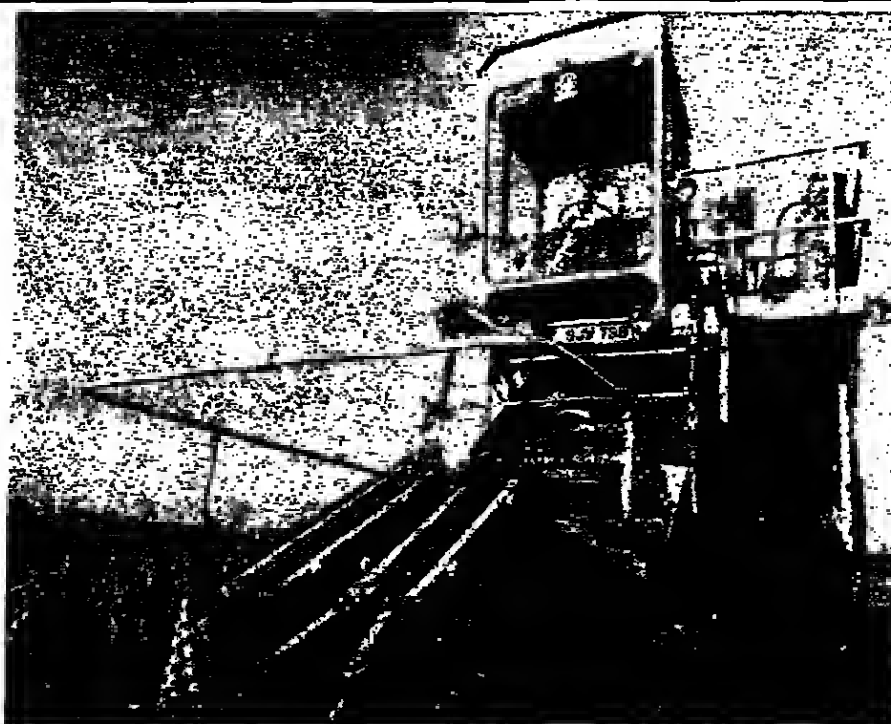
The producers want the range lifted to 1,850 ringgit a picul at the floor and 2,400 at the ceiling. Major tin producing nations are Malaysia, Thailand, Indonesia, Bolivia and Nigeria.

A poll of consumer delegations indicated they are willing to raise the range, but by much less. Sources close to the Dutch delegation said the European Common Market nations would accept a 10 per cent hike, that is to about 1,650 at the floor and 2,150 picul at the ceiling.

All the industrialized countries of the world, including the United States, the EEC nations, China and the Soviet Union are members of the World Tin Pact.

The main argument, put forward by the producers is that present world market prices though remunerative at the top end, could, as tin production gathers new momentum through the massive investment ploughed into the industry in the last five years, plummet sharply as fresh producers reach markets.

If that happens, as the range now stands, buying of tin would occur at levels which would hardly cover production costs, cutting profits and jeopardizing capital. A higher range would oblige the tin stock managers to stockpile before disaster levels are reached. The predicament has sharpened in the last few days. The United States, which has the largest strategic stockpile of tin in the world, has informed the tin council that it will start selling tin from its reserves beginning July 1 this year.



HARVESTER: This new self-propelled Brussels sprouts harvester from Britain's Radcliffe Works of Mather and Platt Ltd. is capable of cropping up to 200 plants a minute and can reduce manpower needs by up to 80 per cent. Designed for single-man operation, it is capable of harvesting one hectare (2.47 acres) in approximately 11 hours and, apart from the initial defoliation process, replaces all the labour-intensive tasks traditionally associated with cropping the vegetable.

Iraq, France sign oil production plant contract

PARIS, March 12 (R) — The French Company Technip has signed a one billion francs (\$250 million) contract with Iraq to build a gas liquefaction and production plant in the southeast of the Arab country, the French firm announced Wednesday.

The statement said the complex to be built in Zubayr, near the southeast city of Basra, would be completed in mid-1982. The contract was signed with the Iraqi SCOP-State Organization for Oil Projects.

Oman exports nine million barrels of oil

MUSCAT, Oman March 12 (AP) — The Sultanate of Oman exported 9,086,479 barrels of crude oil in February, it was announced here. Production aver-

aged 275,684 barrels a day, the announcement said. Oman is not a member of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

Ivory Coast oil exploration contract signed

ROME, March 12 (R) — The Italian Oil Company AGIP has signed a new agreement for oil exploration and production off the Ivory Coast with the American companies Phillips Petroleum and SEDCO and the Ivory Coast National Oil Company, PETROCI, a spokesman said

Tuesday. Exploration will take place in an area of 1,100 square kilometers. AGIP and the other companies have already undertaken exploration elsewhere in the Ivory Coast in the last five years and the latest accord is of the production sharing type.

U.S. maintains high grain sales

WASHINGTON, March 12 (AP) — Rising overseas demand for livestock feed is pushing U.S. corn exports to levels near what had been expected before President Jimmy Carter suspended further shipments to the Soviet Union, new government figures showed Tuesday.

The Agriculture Department said one reason is that the Soviets have been scrambling to find their sources for its grain imports, thus creating a competition among other foreign buyers for U.S. corn.

Carter canceled further U.S. grain shipments to the Soviet Union on Jan. 4 in retaliation for its moves in Afghanistan. The Soviets, beset by a short harvest last year, has been scouring other markets, including

Argentina and others, to help make up its shortfall.

The higher estimate (of U.S. corn shipments) reflects a decrease in export availability from Argentina as a result of deteriorating crop prospects and growing world demand as importing nations seek new sources of grain in the face of strong competition from the USSR, officials said.

In all, the report said U.S. corn exports are now expected to be a record of about 2.4 billion bushels. That is 125 million more than experts had projected for 1979-80 Jan. 28, several weeks after Carter took his action.

Also, the new corn export figure nudged to within 100 million bushels of the 2.5 billion bushels predicted last Nov. 13, long before the partial embargo was ordered.

Crisis affects oil industry

Spare parts rare in Iran

TEHRAN, March 12 (R) — Iran's industry, particularly the oil sector, could be hampered by a growing shortage of spare parts as the American hostage crisis continues, diplomats and analysts said here Wednesday.

Hopes for an early easing in tension between the two countries collapsed when a United Nations commission left Iran Tuesday without seeing any of the 49 Americans held by radical Muslim students in the U.S. embassy.

The major economic effect of the hostage crisis, which began with the embassy occupation over four months ago, has been on the oil industry, the analysts said.

Production has dropped recently to an officially stated million barrels a day from over three million. Press reports and diplomatic sources have put current output as low as two million.

The reduction is in line with declared government policy, but the diplomats believed that lack of parts has contributed to it and would at least mean that it would be difficult to increase output if the government wanted to.

Most parts needed for the oil sector are American-made, and the United States has imposed an embargo on the sale of them to Iran.

Analysts said there are shortages on the production side and in refining units, particularly for products such as petrochemicals which demand high technology.

Oil Minister Ali Akbar Moftakhar has admitted a lack of American spare parts but said most of them could be imported from other countries.

President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr said on Sunday that "in the oil industry the least significant problem is the lack of spare parts."

But workers' councils have sent letters to the president from the oil-producing province of Khuzestan saying that spare parts cannot be obtained and that present equip-

ment will be worn out in the near future. They have also complained about the lack of foreign expertise.

Transport industries could also be affected by parts shortages. Informed sources said civil aviation has suffered in this respect, both with planes and helicopters.

During recent flooding in Khuzestan, Iran asked Italy for emergency spare parts for Chinook helicopters but received no reply, Bani-Sadr has said.

Iran's military equipment is also likely to become less serviceable as the crisis continues, the diplomats said.

Given the present low level of economic relations between Iran and the United States, and the continuing stagnation of industrial activity in Iran, any further unilateral sanctions by the United States would be unlikely to have a serious effect in Iran unless they were very far-reaching, the diplomats and analysts said.

Continuation of the crisis, however, could make it difficult for Iran to import the capital goods which it would need to fulfill the government's ambitious industrial development plans, the analysts said.

An indirect effect of events in Iran is that foreign businessmen who might come here to negotiate contracts are often reluctant to do so.

But some diplomats said that Iran has been attempting to avoid isolation by paying off quite substantial debts on old contracts. They were unable to give details.

President Carter's freeze on Iranian assets in the U.S. has had little domestic effect on Iran, the diplomats and analysts said.

Despite deducing oil exports, the country's foreign exchange reserves are continuing to rise, with central bank governor Ali Reza Nobari recently putting them at \$15 billion.

The Iranian government has had no difficulty in meeting its commitments, and has not required the estimated \$5.5 billion which are frozen in U.S. banks.

For stabilizing prices

U.S. House passes sugar bill

WASHINGTON, March 12 (AP) — U.S. House of Representatives passed legislation Tuesday supporting a treaty to stabilize world sugar prices through 1982.

The measure, which implements the International Sugar Agreement, was adopted on a 367-30 vote.

About 30 nations are participating in the agreement which seeks to hold raw sugar prices at from 11 cents to 21 cents per pound.

Supporters of the legislation pressed for passage before a meeting of the International Sugar Organization, scheduled in London later this month.

Representative Charles A. Vanik, D-Ohio, who managed the bill on the House floor, said the measure should be passed as a sign of good faith to other nations concerned by the United States' failure to pass the implementing legislation.

Previous attempts to pass the legislation had failed because it was tied to controversial

domestic sugar price support. The measure passed Tuesday does not affect the domestic sugar program.

In 1977, the world's major sugar producing and consuming nations negotiated the agreement which established a system of export quotas and stockpiling to maintain sugar prices within the set range.

The agreement calls for participating sugar exporting nations to withhold supplies from the market when prices are 11 cents to 14 cents per pound. A price of 15 cents to 19 cents per pound is considered a "free market" condition when importers would not impose quotas, and exporters would not stockpile supplies. When prices rise above 19 cents, reserve stocks are to be released to bring down prices.

The U.S. Senate ratified the agreement in Nov. 1979 and the United States has honored the terms of the pact since then, although the implementing legislation had not been enacted.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 6:00 P.M. Wednesday

	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
U.S. Dollar	3.34	3.35	3.35
Pound Sterling	7.45	7.53	7.51
Deutsche Mark (100)	185.00	187.00	185.50
Swiss F (100)	193.00	196.00	194.10
French F (100)	79.00	80.00	79.55
Italian Lira (10,000)	40.00	40.50	40.10
Lebanese Lira (100)		100.50	99.80
Syrian Lira (100)		79.50	86.60
Egyptian Pound		4.45	4.45
Kuwait Dinar		12.17	12.16
Jordanian Dinar		11.31	11.17
Emirates Dirham (100)		90.10	90.10
Qatari Riyal (100)		91.40	91.40
Bahraini Dinar		8.95	8.95
Iraqi Dinar (100)		—	—
Yemeni Riyal (100)		74.25	73.75
Moroccan Dirham (100)		84.50	89.00
Indian Rupee (100)		—	41.55
Pakistani Rupee (100)		—	34.00
Gold kg.		58,000.00	—
10 Tolas bar		6,700.00	—
Silver kg.		—	—
Japanese Yen (1,000)	13.60	—	13.55
Canadian Dollar	2.86	—	—
Belgian Franc (1,000)	114.00	118.00	—
Dutch Guilder (1,000)	168.00	—	170.00
Spanish Peso (1,000)	—	50.50	51.00
Greek Drachma (1,000)	—	83.00	—
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Ministry of Education	Maintenance of airconditioners	31	300	March 25
	Construction of an additional power room (high voltage) at the vocational secondary school in Unaizah	11/M	250	March 25
Ministry of Public Works and Housing	Maintenance of the ministry's central airconditioning plant	1-99/1400	100	March 17
Municipality of Al-Mezneb	Asphalting, paving and lighting of roads	10/31/D	1000	March 18
Municipality of Al-Majma'ah	Maintenance of street electric poles	1	Free	March 18
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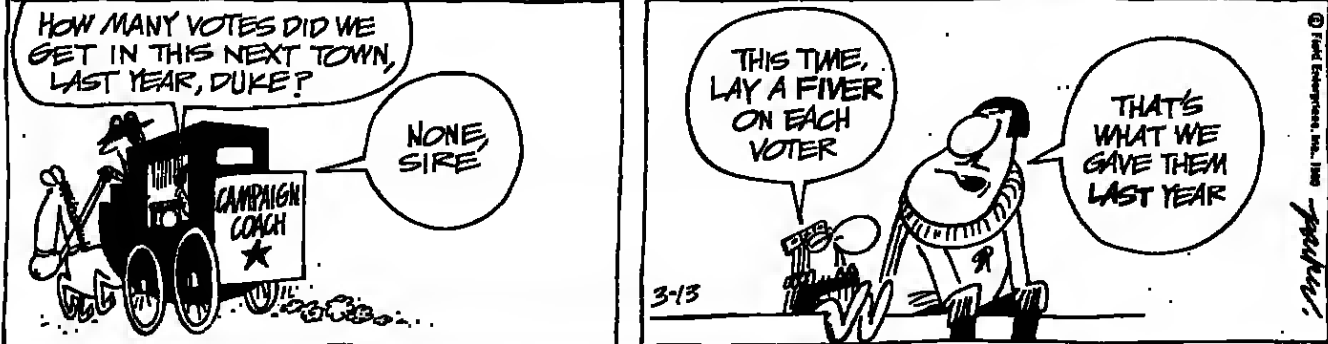
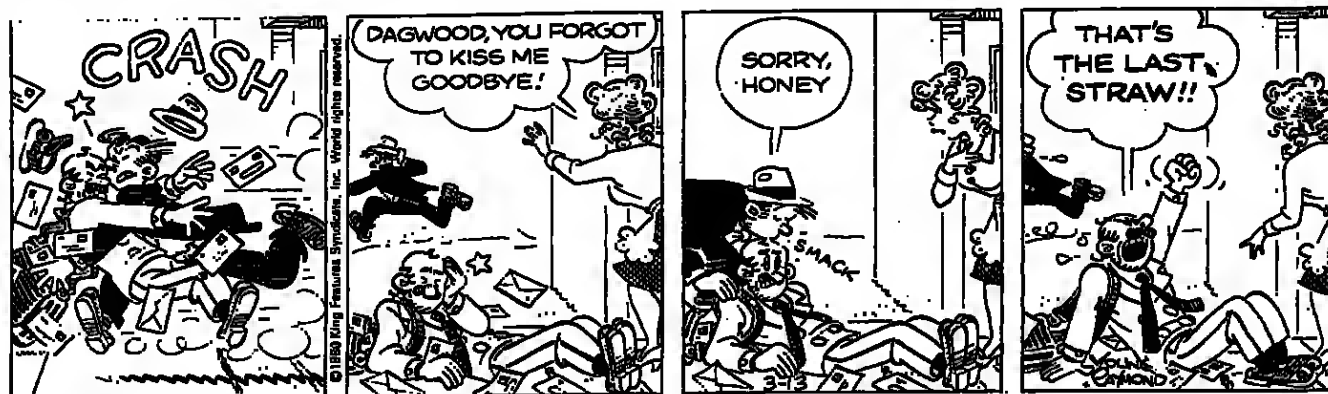
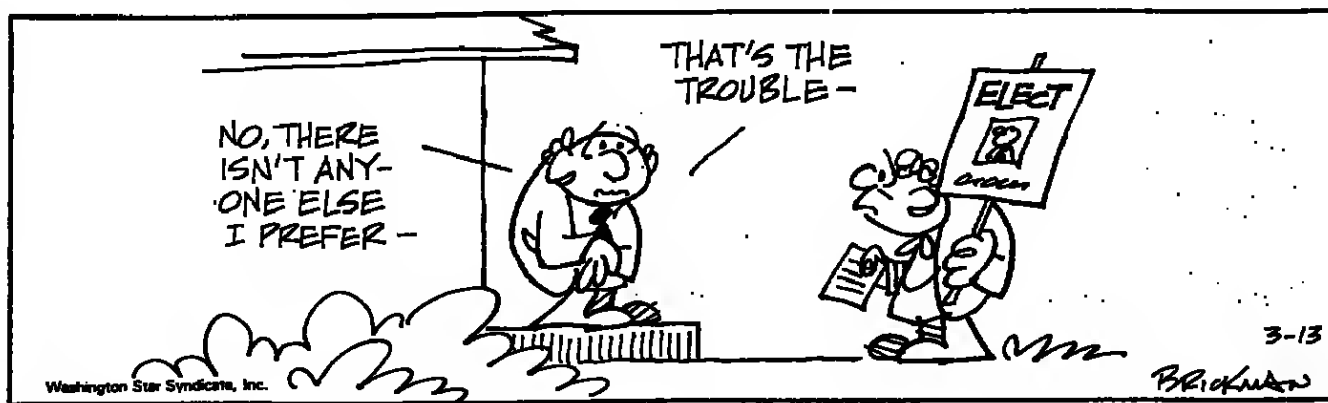
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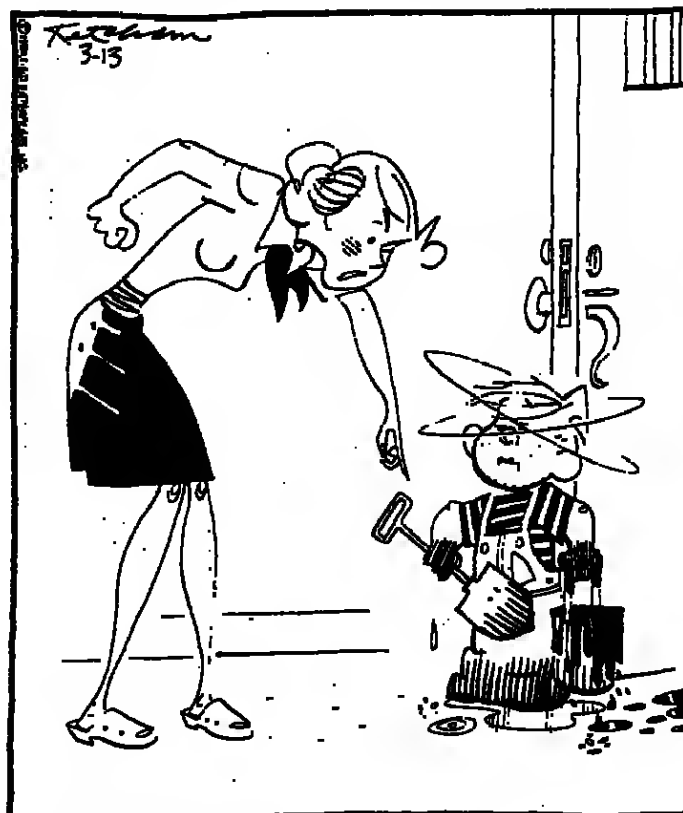
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Crossword by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 "Honest" one

4 Exchange

8 Chinese port

9 German city

11 Sacred custom

12 Pastime

14 FBI building

15 Attempt

16 Strain

17 Ravel composition

19 Actress, former

20 British statesman

21 Out of

22 Actor McDowell

24 Laughing sound

25 Favarotti's office

26 "Le Garçon"

27 Example

28 - the book: 2 vols.

31 Catch

32 Dog command

33 One

34 Like

35 Some kind

36 Remote

37 Legitimate

38 Fendone

39 Show aging signs

DOWN

1 Kind of acid

2 Liquor

3 Orb

4 Plain of Palestine

5 Caution

6 Along in years

7 Refuse to answer

8 Burmese weather

10 Dinner course

13 Molekin color

15 Three, to cardsharp

16 Icelandic classic

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18 Religious body

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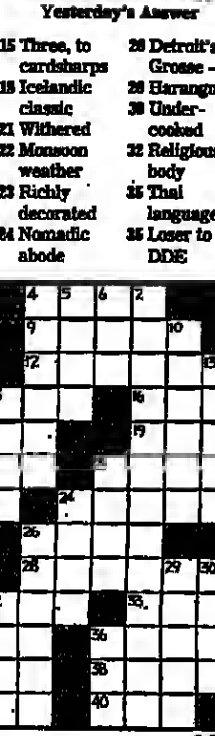
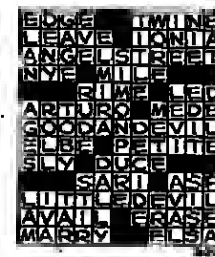
28 Harangue

29 Undercooked

32 Religious

33 Thai language

35 Loser to DDE



DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE - Here's how to work it:

AXYDLBAAXE

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One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

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RN OAA AXJN HXRV RVN KCPNW

RXJN KQ CNXTB VOUM: KES

AXJNF OSN OAA YXQNSNTR

OTY MNR RVN FOZN - OTTN OSOTL

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Believe It or Not



Contract Bridge B. Jay Becker

More Than Meets the Eye

West dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ A Q 9

♥ J 8

♦ Q 7 5

♣ J 9 6 4 2

EAST

♠ 6

♥ K 10 7 4 3

♦ A K J 9 8 3

♣ 7 5

WEST

♠ 7 5 2

♥ K 10 7 4 3

♦ A K J 9 8 3

♣ 7 5

EAST

♠ 6

♥ K 10 7 4 3

♦ A K J 9 8 3

♣ 7 5

SOUTH

♠ K J 10 8 4 3

♥ A 8

♦ 10 6 2

♣ A K

The bidding:

West North East South

Pass Pass 3 0 3 4

Pass 4 4

Opening lead - four of diamonds.

Let's assume you hold the West hand and lead your singleton diamond against four spades. East wins the diamond with the jack and continues with the K-A, on which you play first the seven and then the four of hearts.

East obediently returns a low heart, but declarer goes up with the ace, cashes the A-K of clubs, plays a trump to dummy's nine, ruffs a club, plays a trump to dummy's queen and ruffs another club. South then plays a trump to

the ace and discards his six of hearts on the jack of clubs to bring home the contract.

You might go on to the next deal without giving the matter further thought, but the fact remains that you could have stopped South from making four spades. Instead of discarding a heart on the third round of diamonds, you should have ruffed your partner's ace and returned a trump!

Had you done this, South would have found it impossible to make the contract. Your trump return would have killed one of dummy's vital entries before declarer could cash his A-K of clubs, and declarer eventually would have lost a heart trick to go down one.

Trumping partner's ace is of course a spectacular and unusual play, but it makes a lot of sense here - if you stop to think about it. To start with, it's a play that can't cost you a thing, since the trump you are wasting is of no earthly use to you.

More important than that is the 100 per cent certainty that if South has a heart loser or club loser in his hand, he will find it utterly impossible to avoid losing that trick - provided you trump your partner's ace and return a trump. It's just as simple as that!

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Medina	5:21	6:34	12:40	4:03	6:33	8:03
Nejd	4:48	5:07	12:07	3:30	6:01	7:31

DHAHRAN TV

3:00 Children's Show	Jason of Star Command No. 8
3:35 Vision on	Episode 7
4:00 NBA Basketball	Seattle at Phoenix
5:49 Ghosts of Motley Hall	Godfrey of Basingstoke
6:16 Family Hour Festival	A piece of Cake
7:10 Laverne & Shirley	Airport '59
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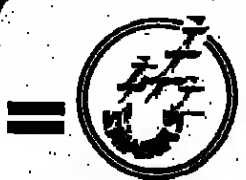
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1:20	Pop of the Pops	4:15 Music Worldwide
1:40	Classical Music	4:45 Eve and Her World
2:20	On Islam	10:00 Youth Welfare
2:30	Jazz Music	10:10 Music
3:00	JE VS	10:15 NE VS
3:10	Press Review	10:25 S.A. - A Daily Chronicle
3:15	Music	10:30 The Evening Show
3:20	Islam The Divine Truth	11:00 World Classics
3:30	A Selection of Music	11:10 ---
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9:00	Special English :	
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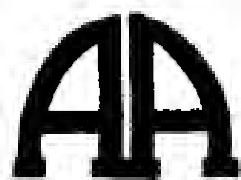
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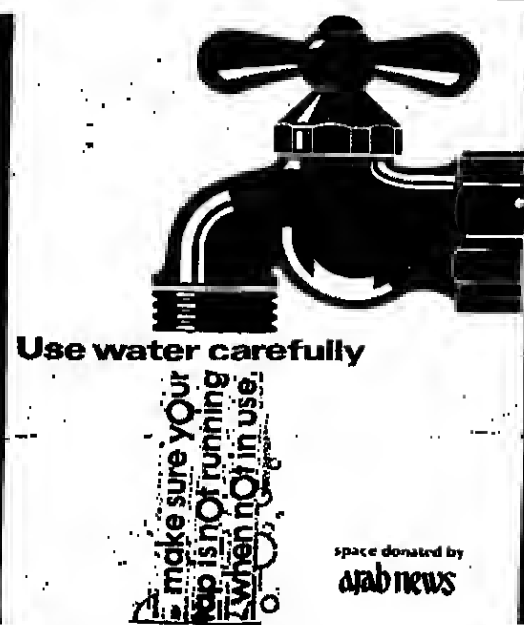
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Outlook bleak for hostages

Vance says earliest release May; U.S. urged to exercise patience

WASHINGTON, March 12 (AP) — Secretary of State Cyrus R. Vance sees no breakthrough in the hostage crisis before May. U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim says even that forecast may be too optimistic.

In separate statements Tuesday, Vance and Waldheim counseled patience despite the failure of the U.N. investigating commission to make progress toward release of the approximately 50 American hostages being held in Tehran.

Vance was in meet with Waldheim Wednesday in New York to see if the commission can be revived. Waldheim said Iran needs time to iron out the "strange power situation" which prevails in that country.

Vance, after briefing members of Congress, said no breakthrough is expected before the elections for the Iranian parliament are concluded. The first phase of the elections begins Friday, but the parliament is not scheduled to convene until May. Iranian President Abolhasan Bani-Sadr predicted the hostages won't be released before "mid-May at the earliest."

But Waldheim, in an interview with the public broadcasting station, said the resolution of the crisis may hinge on how well supporters of Bani-Sadr's moderate policies do in the elections.

"The kind of support (he receives) will be of great importance for a possible solution to the problem," Waldheim said. Implicit in his remarks was the possibility that the crisis could go on indefinitely if backers of the militants holding the U.S. embassy compound win a majority.

Two weeks ago, Ayatollah Khomeini had said that the fate of the hostages would be left to the parliament.

In a message broadcast Tuesday by Tehran

radio and monitored by the BBC, Khomeini told his followers to vote and "dash the hopes of the enemies of the Islamic republic ... especially the oppressive U.S. government." He told them to "storm the ballot boxes to cast your votes."

Vance, Waldheim and Iranian government authorities all indicated Tuesday that the work of the U.N. commission was only suspended and they held out the possibility it may still produce progress. Waldheim also said he has received assurances that the hostages are "safe and sound."

Nonetheless, Waldheim indicated that Khomeini was to blame for the commission's inability to carry out its assigned task.

The mission went to Iran with a mandate to examine Iranian grievances against the former Shah, and to meet with the American hostages as a first step toward an early solution of the crisis.

The commission left Iran early Tuesday without fulfilling the second objective. A day earlier, Khomeini had ruled that the commission would be allowed to meet only those hostages alleged to be spies.

On Tuesday night, Waldheim said it was his impression that Khomeini personally supported the original mandate of the commission. The Carter administration has made it known privately it had the same understanding.

Despite signs of growing congressional and public impatience with the long crisis, now in its 130th day, the administration appears to have ruled out the use of force to end it.

State Department spokesman Hodding Carter said the United States has not exhausted all peaceful or "non-violent" approaches to a settlement.

Vance, who was expected to meet Wed-



Secretary Vance

nesday with the commission members in addition to Waldheim, said the wisest approach at this point is to "wait and see" and to review options. Iranian Foreign Minister Sadeq Chizbadeh also cautioned against any precipitous action.

It was not clear whether the administration was considering formally imposing an economic embargo against Iran — a step which was ruled out six weeks ago as a gesture to Iran.

Officials have said, however, that such a measure would be largely irrelevant because trade with Iran effectively was cut off a few days after the crisis began.

It was announced in Panama, meanwhile, that the Shah soon will undergo an operation in Panama City on his inflamed spleen. A local television station reported Tuesday, that the Shah "won't be admitted tonight, but soon."

The Shah's spokesman in New York, Robert Armao, could not be reached for comment.

War aides, 2 whites in Mugabe's cabinet

SALISBURY, March 12 (R) — Prime Minister Robert Mugabe has selected a broad-based cabinet of moderates, radicals — and two whites — to guide the new black state of Zimbabwe through the early days of independence.

The 22-member government announced Tuesday includes 16 members of Mugabe's nationalist party which worked from exile in Mozambique until returning this year following the London agreement on Rhodesian independence.

Veteran nationalist Joshua Nkomo, Mugabe's former co-leader in the Patriotic Front guerrilla alliance, was appointed home affairs minister and his party was given three other cabinet posts.

The only man to survive from the old cabinet of Bishop Abel Muzorewa — who did not get a post — was David Smith, one of the two whites in the new government list.

Smith, who becomes minister of commerce and industry, was joined in the cabinet by farmers' union leader Denis Norman, as minister of agriculture. Both men had lent a sympathetic ear to black interests during the old white administration.

Mugabe's ZANU-PF (Zimbabwe African National Union — Patriotic Front) took the main portfolios of prime minister, deputy prime minister, defense and foreign affairs.

Mugabe confirmed by British governor Lord Soames as Zimbabwe's prime minister, appointed his wartime deputy Simon Mzenda as deputy prime minister and foreign minis-

ter. Other senior positions went to Mugabe's wartime lieutenants, including Edgar Tekere, who is now planning and development minister, and Enos Nkala, who was named finance minister.

Mugabe and Mzenda met Soames Tuesday and the British governor "formally appointed Mugabe the prime minister of Zimbabwe," a British spokesman said. He will accede to the powers of his office at independence in Britain's last African colony later this month or early in April.

Meanwhile, in neighboring South Africa a cabinet showdown over the racial policies of

Colombia negotiations stalemated

BOGOTA, Colombia, March 12 (AP) — Negotiations for the release of the hostages held in the Dominican republic's embassy for two weeks are reported at a stalemate, and a high-ranking government source says a bargaining session Wednesday could be crucial.

The source said the guerrillas had reduced the number of imprisoned leftists they want released from their original demand of 311, but the government still refuses to release anyone.

"For the government of Colombia it is the same thing to hand over one prisoner or 311, for in any case it would violate the constitution and abrogate a judicial sentence," said the government source, who asked not to be identified by name.

"All the possibilities have been explored,

Prime Minister Pieter Botha participated by Mugabe's victory was averted Tuesday.

Leading right-winger Andries Treurnicht, whose opposition to change in apartheid threatened to split the ruling National party, apparently backed down during a three-hour cabinet meeting.

Statements issued later healed at least temporarily the rift between the prime minister and Treurnicht, who holds the powerful post of party leader in Transvaal province.

But it appeared that basic differences on race policy remained in the national party and could resurface again.

but the government is incapable legally of releasing from jail criminals who are there by judicial order.

Because of this, he said, Wednesday's fifth meeting between representatives of the government and the leftist guerrillas who took over the embassy during a reception on Feb. 27 could be "crucial."

During the four previous meetings, all held in a closed van in front of the embassy, the guerrillas virtually abandoned their demands for \$50 million and worldwide publication of a manifesto denouncing alleged human rights violations in Colombia, the source said.

Other sources reported earlier that the government is offering daily safe passage out of Colombia for the guerrillas in the embassy, reportedly to Syria, Libya or Algeria.

Carter, Reagan claim landslide win

In 3 southern primaries

ORLANDO, Florida, March 12 (Agencies) — President Jimmy Carter and Ronald Reagan have won landslide victories in three southern states primaries and face the prospect of possibly knocking out their main rivals for this year's presidential elections in the next round.

The results of Tuesday's primaries in Florida, Georgia and Alabama left the two losers, Democratic Senator Edward Kennedy and Republican George Bush, in need of victories in Illinois next Tuesday to rescue their fading presidential candidacies.

Kennedy, brushed by margins ranging up to eight-to-one Tuesday night in Carter's home area, will now be going all out for a strong rebound performance in Illinois.

Rush, the early front runner in the Republican race, was perhaps under even greater pressure to do well in the populous mid-Western state or see his chances fade away.

In Illinois, he will have the additional challenge of another tough contender, Illinois Congressman John Anderson.

Bush also faces the prospect that former President Gerald Ford may jump into the race as a moderate alternative unless he can defeat the ultra-Conservative Reagan at that point.

Carter and Reagan, the former California governor, demonstrated strong support from almost every voter group in compiling their overwhelming margins of victory in the south.

Both had been expected to win in a region where Carter's southern background and Reagan's staunch conservatism gave them strong appeal. But they did even better than predicted, running away with the popular vote and with scores of delegates to the parties' nominating conventions.

With most of the votes counted in all three states, results showed Carter had won in Florida with 63 per cent of the vote to 21 per cent for Kennedy.

On the Republican side, Reagan led Bush by 58 to 30 per cent while Anderson, who did

not campaign in the south, had about eight per cent.

In his native State of Georgia, Carter crushed his rival by 88 to eight per cent, and Reagan had a commanding 73 to 13 per cent lead over Bush.

In Alabama, Carter drubbed Kennedy by about 82 per cent to 13 per cent, and Reagan defeated Bush by about 70 per cent to 25 per cent.

Carter captured 180 of the 208 Democratic national convention delegates at stake in the three elections.

Meanwhile, Carter gained an overwhelming victory in Oklahoma's Democratic precinct caucuses and even his detractors conceded he would wind up with at least 30 of the state's 42 national convention delegates.

Gold prices rebound; dollar lower

LONDON, March 12 (AP) — Gold prices rebounded in Europe Wednesday morning following a \$40 drop earlier in the week.

The afternoon fixing of \$585.70 per ounce in London was up from \$582.50 at the morning fixing, and up from \$570.25 at Tuesday afternoon's fixing.

The dollar opened slightly lower, but dealers said the high level of U.S. interest rates continued to provide it with solid underpinning.

Gold traded in London and Zurich at \$

And in caucuses in the state of Washington, with about 25 per cent of the precinct reporting, Carter was also defeating Kennedy by a margin of about 3-1 in the first West test between the two Democrats.

A total of 130 delegates were being chosen in precinct caucuses Tuesday night in Western states. Partial returns from Alabama which picks 11 delegates to the Democratic convention, showed Kennedy leading over returns from Hawaii, which has 19 delegates were another victory for Carter.

None of the national convention delegates were chosen in Tuesday night's Oklahoma caucuses, but Carter defeated Kennedy by a margin of more than 7-1. And this will translate into national delegates at district state conventions.

\$582.50 a troy ounce, up from Tuesday's \$570 in London and \$560.50 in the financial center.

This following an overnight halt in wave of selling, with the metal edging 8.50 in New York to close at \$566.50.

In Hong Kong early Wednesday, closed at \$568.64 an ounce.

In Tokyo, where banks close yesterday's business day gets underway dollar closed at 247.15 yen from Tuesday's 247.975.

Heart, lung troubles weaken Tito

BELGRADE, March 12 (R) — President Josip Broz Tito's already critical condition worsened Tuesday, with his doctors reporting a further weakening of his heart and a fresh attack of pneumonia.

A terse bulletin from his panel of eight doctors, the bleakest they have issued in the past 10 days, described the condition of the 87-year-old Yugoslav leader as very grave.

Official sources said Tito had already been close to death at least five times since he fell ill more than two months ago, and added that

it was impossible to predict how long he might hold out.

They ruled out any chance of recovery president is suffering from heart weak cardiac disturbances, kidney failure pneumonia, digestive problems and bleeding.

Tuesday's bulletin said: "the general of health of President of the Republic Broz Tito is very grave. Pneumonia is spreading again. Signs of heart weakness are evident. Intensive treatment continues."



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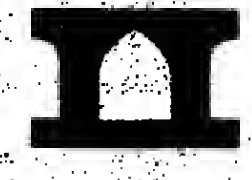
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